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Records of the Town of Reading

A True Transcript from the Towns Old Books made in 1853

by W J Wightman Town Clerk

The 18th of the 12th Month 1638

The Town Records of the Lands and Meadows that lyeth in the Bounds of the Town of Reading either as they were given by the Town of Lynn; or as they were given by the Town of Reading; or as they have been purchased of others

The land was given him as appears by Lynn Town Books in the year 1638

The Lands and Meadows of Nicholus Brown as they were given him by the Town of Lynn; and as they were given him by the Town of Reading, and as he hath purchased of other men, Given him by the Town of Lynn Two Hundred and ten acres of land lying within the Bounds of Reading, And is bounded on the East side of it with the great River - on the South side with the land of Bonifas Buxton, on the west side of it with the land of Leiut Thomas Marshall and Jeremiah Swain, and on the North of it with the meadow commonly called the Wigwams

Also purchased of George Taylor of Lynn in the year 1642 fourscore and ten acres of land now situate in the bounds of Reading, and is bounded with land of Capt Richard Walker and John Pool and Zachariah Fitch on the East and West and on the North by the land of Hannaniah Parker and on the South by the land of John Bacheller; This is one Thirty acres of it

Another Thirty acres of it, bounded by land of Edward Taylor and John Bacheller on the North and South and on the Great Pond on the west, and on the East by the said Thirty acres and Thomas Parker

The other Thirty acres lying between Edward Taylor and Capt Richard Walker on the South and East and on the West by the Great Pond and on the North by the land of the said Nicholus Brown

1647

Also purchased of Hugh Burt of Lynn the 30th of the first month in the year 1647 fourscore Acres of Land lying within the Bounds of Reading, and is bounded by the land of Leiut Thomas Marshall on the East, and by the land of John Pool on the North, and by the Great Pond on the West, and the land of the said Nicholus Brown on the South

Gifts of Town Lands

1647 Given to Nicholus Brown by the Town of Reading in the year 1647 - Thirty acres of upland and as bounded by the land of John Person on the North and by the land of Capt Richard Walker on the South -

1647 Given to Nicholus Brown by the Town of Reading in the year 1647; Thirty acres of Meadow being bounded with the Meadow of Josiah Dosten on the North West of it, and part of the swamp on the South East - and so all the corner of Meadow from Josiah Dostins to the end of the Meadow, next to Thomas Hutchinsons be it more or less that may be called Bear Meadow

The land of Thomas Dunton that he purchased of Thomas Kendall that is by estimation eight acres more or less lying in the Town of Reading, and is bounded on the West with land of Jeremiah Swain, and on the North with land of William Cowdry and on the East with land of Thomas Kendall and on the South with the land of Thomas Clark

Gifts of Town Lands

Lands & Meadows of George Davis)

The lands and Meadows of George Davis of Reading as they were given him by the Town of Reading, and as he hath purchased them of other men

Bought of William (Blott) and his wife and Leiut Thomas Marshall a House lot containing nine acres more or less, part of it bought in the year /45 and part of it in the year 46 and part of it in the year 47; being bounded by the land of Robert Burnap land on the North the common lands of Reading on the East, the land of Thos Clark on the South, the land of Leuit Thos Marshall on the West

1644 Given to George Davis the Sixth of the eleventh Month in the year 1644 Three acres of Meadow lying in Purly Meadow bounded by the Meadow of John Damon on the North, the Common lands of Charlestown on the south--

1647 Given to George Davis the Sixth of the tenth Month in the year 1647 eleven acres of Meadow lying upon Ipswich River bounded by the Meadow of Samuel Walker on the West and the Meadow of Leiut Thos Marshall on the East

1647 Given to George Davis the Sixth of the tenth Month in year 1647 eleven acres of upland bounded with the land of John Pool on the North West and with the lands of Fitch on the South East

1654 Bought of Thomas Dutton of Reading the ninth of the first Month in the 1654 one acre and a half of upland lying in the Bounds of Reading and bounded by the lands of Thos Taylor on the West the lands of Thos Dutton on the North Thos Clarke on the East and John Gould on the South

1658 Given to George Davis att a General Town Meeting held upon the 14th of Feby in the year 1658 - Two Hundred and four acres of upland laying on the North side of Ipswich River and is bounded on the East by land of Samuel Duntton and on the West with the land of John Damon and on the North and South with a Highway at the end of it which is to be ten poles Broad at each end-

1658 Given to George Davis the 14th Febuary in the 1658 three acres of Meadow lying in a Meadow commonly called Flaggy Meadow and is bounded on the West with the Meadow of Jonathan Pool and on the South with the Meadow of John Batchelder

Gifts of Town Lands etc

1658 Given more the day and year above written to George Davis Three acres of Meadow laying in a Meadow on the Right hand of Andover Highway which Meadow the lines run through between Andover and the Town of Reading, and is Bounded on the North with the Meadow Joh Osgood and on the South with the upland of William Coopter Richard Walber and William Hooper

1658 Given to George Davis more the 14th of Febuary 1658 a peice of Meadow about an acre & half or two acres of Rubish Stuff laying on the North side of Ipswich River, and is bounded on the North by a Highway at the end of the lot and on the West with the Meadow of Leiut John Smith and on the South with Ipswich river and on the East with the Meadow of Samuel Walker

This land was laid out by Robt Burnet Ben. Thor) Kendall, John Batchelder & Jona Poole the 28th of June 1665

The land Daniel Hartshorn that he purchased of Bonifet Buxton laying in the neck being Threescore Acres more or less, and is bounded on the South West by the land of John Poole and on the North West with the Land of John Poole and on the North East with the land of Nicholas Brown and on the South East with the River that runs down to the Iron works

Gifts of Town Lands

The Lands of Nathaniel Cutler

Given to Nathaniel Cutler his home lot Containing 11 acres more or less, this was given to him the twelfth of the 11th Month 1653 and is bounded on the South with the lands of George Thomson and on the West with the Lands of Henry Belflower west and east with the common lands of the Town of Reading - and 27 poles Northward with the land of George Lilley--

Given to Nathaniel Cutler the 12th of the 11th Month 1653 7 acres of Meadow more or less laying in the Hundred acres and is bounded on the North with the Meadow of Thomas Bancroft, John Weyly and Henry Merrow - and on the South with the Meadow of Henry Belflower

Given more to Nathaniel Cutler the 12th of the 11th Month 1653 - Three acres of Meadow more or less - laying in Birchen Meadow, and is bounded on the North East end - with the Meadow of Mr Brooks, and on the North side with the Meadow of James Pike

Given to Nathaniel Cutler the 22nd of the 10th Month 1668 the first lot being one acre or ther abouts, being number one - and is bounded on the South with the lot of Joseph Davis

The Lands of Hananiah Parker

In the first and Second division as they fell to
1684 him by lot, his first lot is the seventh lot in the first division, and lieth on the east side of the Highway, as goeth to Bear Meadow beyond the uplands towards the Cedar Swamp, Bounded on the Southerly side with the land of Cornelious Brown and the Towns Swamp, and on the North with the land of Robert Burnap Sen; A Little Pine Tree by the Highway side marked HP or R.B. and so East North East to a maple Tree marked HP or R.B. and from thence to another maple tree on the East side at the row of hills by the old Ceder Swamp, marked HP and so from thence Southerly to a white oak marked 8:B: H: which tree is the South West corner of Edward Browns Farm

Hananiah Parkers lot in the second division and
1684 is the first lot; and lieth near to a
a Lot of Black Oaks by the Meadow side marked - and so along by the Meadow side towards the North west to a shruby Maple marked on the South side, and so South Sixty six poles to a pine tree marked HP R:B: and so East South East or thereabouts to a pine tree marked HP: R:B:

Gifts of Town Lands etc

--The Lands and Meadow of William Houper--

William Houper second division Lot being in number six and is bounded as followeth "viz" By the land of Abraham Briant on the Northerly side and by Woburn line Westerly and by the Meadow Easterly and by the land (no name given) Southerly, and is bounded by a pitch pine tree on the North west corner marked with W.H. and with A.B. and by a pitch pine tree on the North East corner marked with W.H. and with A.B.

At a General Town (Meeting) held upon the 6th of Febuary 1659 - It was ordered that William Houper should have Ten acres of land at the end of his Ten acre Lot, that he was to have at Burthen plains, to lay at the end of his ten acre Lot, part of it to lay against John Damons Ten acre Lot, This not being fully perfected the Selectmen sometime March 1692/3 did lay out ten acres of land for William Houper more or less which is bounded as followeth; by a Walnut tree by Dea Dammans barn an South Westerly to a young walnut tree with an heap of stones and so from thence Southerly to (a) black oak with an heap of stones and from thence Easterly to a stake in a heap of stones; and so along by Sarg John Parkers land to a Red oak at the end of William Houpers former ten acre Lot and from thence Northerly to the Walnut tree at the end of Deacons Dammans Barn--

Gifts of Town Lands

The Lands and Meadows of Capt Richard Walker--

1642 At a Town Meeting in the year 1642, There was given to Capt Richard Walker Twenty seven Acres of upland laying on the plain on the West side of the great Pond, and is bounded on the North West (by) the land of Mathew Edwards, and on the South with the Highway and on the East side with the Great Pond.

1642 At the same time there was also given to Capt Richard Walker a parcel of Swampy Meadow, and is bounded with the Great Pond on the East, and the Highway on the South, and on the North West with his own land--

1642 There was also given to Capt Richard Walker at the same time a neck of upland containing Ten acres more or less, and is bounded on the West (side) with the land of Mr Samuel Haugh, and on the South with the land of Mathew Edwards, and on the East with the pond, and on the North with a little River that runs between the beech neck and this land, the Westerly line of this neck of land, begins at a great White Oak which parts Major Samuel Haugh and Capt Richard Walker and Mathew Edwards; and from this the line is to run North West to the little River by Beech Neck

1647 At a general Town Meeting held upon the 6th day of the tenth Month 1647, There was given to Capt Richard Walker Twenty five acres of Meadow laying in Bear Meadow and is bounded on the South with the great River, and on the West (side) the Meadow of John Pearsons, and on the North with the Common lands of the Town of Reading and the East with the Bridge going to Andover

1652 Given to Capt Richard Walker Twenty acres of land laying in the plain, and is bounded on the North with the lands of Nicholas Brown, and on the South with the land of Francis Smith, this land layeth in the middle Range of lots

1655 Given to Capt Richard Walker the 24th of January 1655 half an acre of Meadow and thirty four poles, and is bounded by the Bridge that goeth to Andover on the South and the Meadow of Robert Burnap on the North

The land of Capt Richard Walker that he bought of Lieutt Thomas Marshall, which is half of the Two Hundred acres that was some time, Maj Richard Sadlers, laying on the west side of the Farm that was Captain Bridgets

Gifts of Town Land etc

Also bought of Samuel Bennett one Hundred acres of upland and Meadow, bounded on the North with the great River that parts Lynn & Reading, Running out with two points of upland, butting upon several small Lots of Meadow Eastward toward the great River; and on the South butting upon the Meadow of John Hawks, that was given at the first to one William Amy of Lynn; and on the South West with a Ten acre lot of Thomas Talmag sometime of Lynn; and on the North West with the land of Zachary Fitch, Robert Burnap, and the Meadow of Edward Taylor John Pearson and Thomas Parker

Also bought of Lieu Thos Marshall a Ten acre Lot that was sometime Thos Talmage of Lynn, and is bounded on the South with the Farm of Nicholas Brown, and on the west with the land of Robert Burnap, and on the North with the Wigwam Meadow--

Highway and Grist Mill

Highway from Josias Dustin to Andover Road

Whereas Thomas Parker, Jeremy Swayne, John Wesson was appointed by the Selectmen to lay out a conveinant Highway for the use of the Town for Cart, Horse and foot, and not for any private way, have accordingly done it, that is to say two poles wide, one pole wide upon Josias Dustin and a pole wide upon Zachery Fitch, from the Common up to the further end of their Lots, till we come almost at the Highway, and then two pole broad upon Josias Dustin wholly till we come to the Highway that comes from Andover, this 12th of July 1657--

Articles of agreement between the Town of Reading on the one party and Jonathan Poole of Reading on the other party this 16th of September 1668

First the Town of Reading doth give free liberty to the aforesaid Jonathan Poole and to his heirs and assigns, the liberty of the River that now the Town Mill stands (upon) without molestation from any others, so long as the said Jonathan Poole his heirs and assigns, shall keep the (said) Mill in good and suficient case to grind the Towns Corn only, (except there be sufficient water, (for) out of Townsmens Corn) and to maintain the same from time to time at his own expence, cost, and charge, and to keep the Mill House in such repair as may secure mens Corn and Meal, and to clear the River to the Mill from time to time at his own expence cost and charge, This sufficientcy of grinding we mean so much as the water will grind with the best husbandry as may be used

Agreement between Andover and Reading 2nd peice

The Lands and Meadows of John Upton Senior-

1682 Gift to John Upton

Given to John Upton a peice of Meadow in the year 1682 which is an acre & half more or less which was laid out by Maj John Brown and Capt Jeremy Swayne, which Meadow lyeth on the North side of Martin's River and is bounded on the Westerly by Woburn line and by the River Southerly, and Easterly by a pine tree and is marked with J. U. and so straight to the River and on the North with the upland, the above said bounded premises was given to John Upton Senior for satisfaction of wants of Meadows

Agreement between Andover & Reading

At a Meeting held of the Committee of Reading and Andover at the House of John Osgood upon the 29th of the 3 month 1660, it was agreed by us of Reading, that what Meadow of John Fries Junior of Andover, which falls within the line, that we then agreed upon that the said John Fries should enjoy it quietly and peacebly, as it was butted and bounded to him by the Town of Andover, which Meadow lyeth near to Robert Russells Meadow, with three pine trees one of them marked, and so running to a pine tree marked, on the other side of the Brook, and from thence to a Maple Swamp on the south west corner, one of them being marked, from thence to a pine tree marked, on the south side of the Brook, and from thence to a Maple tree at the South east corner and by a Brook

This Meadow the said John Fries is to enjoy quietly and peaceably without molestation as from us of the Town of Reading, only he is to pay scot and lot to the Town of Reading if it be demanded; But having payed Eight shillings the Meadow is free to this day being the first of December 1667--

Town and County Highways 2 and 3rd act

Given to Henry Merrow an acre of Swamp more or less and was laid out by Captain Swayne and John Batchelder and is bounded or lyeth near unto goodman Rights Meadow or the Meadow which is called Lowes Meadow which Swamp is encompassed round by the upland

Recorded this 20th of February 1678

Highway

A Highway laid out through Zachery Fitch's Lot, for a Town Highway for Cart and Horse and foot but not to be a drive way laid out in June the 10th day 1659-- The highway is layed out from the Common to the County highway at the lower end of the lot The highway is to be a pole broad from the Common up to the White Oak Clump, and from thence to the other end of the Lot is to be a pole and three quarters broad, Furthermore it is agreed that Brother Fitch is to have the Gate that the Town made and to hang it up, but the Town is to maintain it; and Brother Fitch is to make another Gate at his own charge and to set it up at the other end of the lot and to maintain it at his own charge; This is a perpetual agreement forever

County Highway

An Agreement made the 26th of the 11th month 1660-- Between Nicholas Brown of Reading and the Selectmen of the same Town, whose names are here under written, about a County highway through the land of the said Nicholas Brown to Salem: Beginning at the West end of his Thirty acre Lot, and so over his land that is now broken up, or may be broke up hereafter, untill you come to a River called the Wigwam River, This highway is to be two poles broad all along upon good, sound, firm upland, and where the way lyeth between the said Nicholas and Zachery Fitch it is to be one pole broad upon each of them-- And for full satisfaction of the said highway, and for satisfaction of his bad Meadow we do give to the said Nicholas, all the Meadow that layeth between Samuel Duntons Meadow and Josias Dastin's Meadow and all that thereon may be made Meadow, with that spunge of Meadow at Dastins Bridge, with this quitall that the Town shall have liberty to cut so much grass on each side of the Bridge, as the Town shall necessarily use for the mending of the Bridge yearly--

As witness my hand hereunto

William Cowdrey) Nicholas Brown)

Highways and Foot Path

The 14th of the 5 Month 1675 Over Isaac Harts Land There was layed out a foot path to the Meeting House and to the Mill and for the Towns use of a quarter of a pole broad, and satisfaction was given him in the Common adjoining to his own land, to his content- three quarter's of a pole broad along by his own fence from the Pond to a great Stump and so to the corner of his own fence; this was done and laid out by Robert Burnap Senior Thomas Parker Thomas Kendall and William Cowdery--

Whereas there is a dissension amongst our Neighbours that down beyond Ipswich River about the Highway at the South end of their lots, the Town taking it into serious consideration that there might be love and peace amongst them Did at a General Town Meeting held upon the 20th of May 1675 Appoint and empower John Batchelder Junior, Hannania Parker and Benjamin Fitch to lay out and establish the highway where it shall be, And in so doing you are to have respect unto the Towns orders, and Whereas it is said that John Upton and John Phelps both of them have encroached upon the ten poles that was left at the end of their Lots for a highway either by building or fencing or other way, you are therefore to have respect to both of them without any partiality and with all love and tenderness according to your wisdom and discretion so as not to molest either of them no more than needs must (be) so that there may be left a sufficient highway, and this highway you are to lay out from the Slough at Goodmans Clarks Meadow to Salem line provided you lay the highway but two poles broad over John Uptons Meadow at Goodman Clarks Slough, This order was voted upon a Training day and it was agreed that these men that are here named, should lay out according to the order here expressed

Dated this 25th of May 1675

The return of the Committee

That we John Batchelder, Benjamin Fitch, and Hannania Parker have layed out the highway as followeth. Over the Meadow at Goodman Clarks Slough 2 poles broad and from thence we layed out a Cart highway along by the river untill we come past Phillip McIntires Lot and from thence up by the North side of John Phelps marked tree, and from thence on the east side of the Meadow that was Mathew Edwards Meadow, and so along by the North side of John Phelps barn and so along to Salem line, and to this way aforesaid John Upton and John Phelps did mutually agree, provided that the Town will not require the Land that was left at the South end of his Lot for a highway

Witness our hands The 9th of Febuary 1675

John Bacheldor) Committee
Hannania Parker)
John Upton ⊙ Mark
John Phelps

Town Records 1675

Given to Zachery Fitch for satisfaction for a highway through his Lot, A parcel of upland laying on the North and South side of the highway as goeth down to Bear Hill Brook, leaving to Rods broad between this parcel of Land and the Lands of William Lawson down to the Swamp for a highway, and so to be a Cart way all along the Swamp side for the fetching of wood. And also three acres of Meadow given more to the said Zachery Fitch in consideration of the highway before mentioned-- laying at the north end of the long sledge of Meadow bounded on the South with the Meadow of Peter Palfrey

Town Records 1664

An agreement between the Town of Reading and Mathew Edwards upon the 5th of December 1664 Concerning a Tract of Land Called the Beech Neck with the Swamp thereto adjoining containing 16 acres or thereabouts; which Land the Town of Reading do give in exchange unto Mathew Edwards for five acres of upland laying in the further end of the little plain; on the North side of the highway going into Johns Neck and Thirty shillings and a gallon of Liquor which the said Mathew Edwards hath already paid. The bounds of the said Lands of Mathew Edwards is from Maj Brocks Marked tree which is a Maple that stands by the Swamp side, and so to an Elm standing by the Brook side in the Swamp, and so the Brook, is the bounds of the said Land down to the Pond, the Pond bounding it on the North East and the Land of Capt Richard Walker and the Lands of Maj Samuel Haugh on the South East, only the wood of the said land the Town reserves for their use as they have occasion to take it--

The Lands or Meadow of Samuel Dunton Junior

The first of the 12th Month 1676-- Given to Samuel Dunton Two acres of Meadow adjoining to the Meadow that was left for the Ministry, which one is the North and bounded on each end with the upland, and on the South with the Meadow of Thomas Helton and was layed out by Capt Swayne and John Bachelder--

At a generall Town Meeting held upon the 7th of December 1668; Jonathan Poole and William Cowdrey was chosen to state the Bounds of the Lots of John Pierson and Nicholas Browne Maj Halihock and Edward Taylor, how far they should run into the Great Swamp; First that the Lot of John Pierson should run into the great Swamp, threescore and fifteen poles upon the same line that runs along between them, And from thence to a little White Oak upon a straight line; And so the head line of Nicholas Brownes Lot to run from that little White Oak slanting to a marked tree in the Swamp near to a little Run which is the head line of Maj Halihocks Lot, and this line of Maj Halihock is to run to a tree Marked near to the place, and from thence to a marked tree that is between Edward Taylor and Maj Halihock, and so Edward Taylor is to run from that marked tree to a spruce in the Swamp, and so from thence to a straight line to the upland, and so along by the upland untill he meets with Lynn line; we mean the upland on Edward Hutchinsons side

William Cowdrey)
Jonathan Poole)

Town Records 1686 & 1655

1686 Edward Taylors second division Lot being in Number five and is bounded as followeth "viz" By the land of David Hartshorne on the North, and by the lands of Josiah Browne on the South, and by the land of Benjamin Fitch on the East and by a Range line on the West

April 20th 1655--

There being a difference between Edward Taylor and Nicholas Browne, about Edward Taylors Lot, they did both of them desire us whose names are hereunder written to come and set them to rights. That upon the 20th of April (55) that then the said Nicholas Browne and Edward Taylor did fully and freely agree that Edward Taylors Lot should run his full length from the great Pond on the west and to the marked tree at the Last end, and to be 28 poles broad all along; as we did begin to stake it out; that is from a marked tree on the North side between Edward Taylor and Nicholas Browne, to a stake a little above Edward Taylors House, on the South Side of Edward Taylors Lot there to be 28 poles broad, and from a stake on the north end of Edward Taylors Lot, between Nicholas Browne and Edward Taylor near to a great White crooked Oak to a stake thereto be 28 poles broad; and so from a burnt Stump in the Cow Pen on the South side of Edward Taylors Lot and there to bd 28 poles broad and so to run a straight line to the end of the Lot, this was a full agreement between them both

Witness our hands
William Cowdrey)
Robert Burnap)

Town Records 1653 - 1682 - 1685/6

24th of Jany 1685/6

Edward Taylors first division Lot being in number five and is bounded as followeth "viz" by the Lands of Samuel Lamson on the west, and by the Lands of Thomas Burnap or high way on the East, and by a Range way on the North, and by the Swamp on the South, and is bounded by a White Oak tree on the South West corner, marked with E.T. and with S.L. and by a Black or red Oak on the North East corner marked with E.T. and with O

The Land of John Nichols

1682

A peice of Swampy Land that John Nichols that he bought of the committee namely Capt Swayne and Hannaniah Parker for the sum of eight Shillings in money, which Swampy land Layeth on the North side of the Meadow that is called Buttons hole, and is bounded on the West within a pole of the Bridge, and on the North and South with the upland. The quantity of the Land is all the low Lands within the said bounds that is fit to make Meadow of

Dated the 17th of the first Month 1653

Perambulation of Division line between Lynn and Reading

We whose names are under written being indifferently chosen by the two Towns of Lynn and Reading to settle the bounds of the two Towns do agree as followeth--

First to begin at the River called the North River bounded by a Hill called Tobacco Hill, and so to run on a due South line to the North end of the great Swamp to a tree marked with L. R. and so along on the East side of the great Swamp till it come to the River called Saugus River, or otherwise called the Saw mill River to the first Swamp above the Saw Mill; and from thence downward; the River to divide betwixt the two Towns; till it come to a little run at the East end of Maj Howekes Farm which is now John Smiths Farm, and that Farm is to be the bounds betwixt the two Towns; and it is also agreed that all the Common land that is betwixt the little Run on the East side of the afore said Farm and on the West side of the Great River to a little River called Samuel Bennets River, and so to Boston bounds shall be for free commonage for Cattle to both Towns, and all other privileges belonging to Lynn, as Wood and the like--

And it is further agreed that all the land that lyeth on the West side of the Line from the North end of the great Swamp to Tobacco Hill that Lynn hath formerly laid out, the proprietors shall enjoy

Capt Richard Walker	)	William Longley	)
Ensign Thos Marshall	) of	Ed Needham	) of
William Cowdery	) Reading	John Fuller	) Lynn
		Allen Broad	)
		Richard Blood	)

Town Records 1666

Perambulation Division line between Charlestown and Reading

Whereas in the year Sixty six the eleventh of the second month; we Soloman Phipes, John Cuttler Senior, and William Symes, being some of those who were deputed by Charlestown to run the divisional line between Town and Town, we with William Cowdery, Thomas Kendall and George Davis of the Town of Reading, have run the Line betwixt us and Reading, According to former agreement upon a sharp angle "viz" upon the line that runs to Parly Meadow, where (a) sharp angle begins at a stake pitched by the mutual agreement of the fore mentioned persons, in or upon the line about twelve poles Eastward or there about, from the new dwelling House of John Gould senior, and thence to a Black Oak a little over the Swamp and thence to a heap of stones, and thence to an Elm tree near the end of a Swamp, and so to another heap of stones on the top of a Hill and so carried on by a stump and heap of stones till you come to a Black Oak near a pine Swamp and thence to a Maple by a Swamp marked with C.R. and thence through the Westerly end of Pine Swamp till we come to a Black Oak upon the Brow which stands in theline to parly Meadow--

We subscribers as a Testimony of our Cordial and Loveing agreement for perpetuity have put to our hands this Eleventh of the second (Month) Sixty six

William Cowdery)
Thos Kendall)
George Davis)

Soloman Phips)
William Symmes)
John Cuttler)

Town Records 1666

Division line between Woburn & Reading

Articles of agreement yielded and subscribed unto by we whose names are under written, being chosen by the Towns of Woburn and Reading, and impowered to settle their bounds of Division from Parly Meadow to Andover Line, The agreement is as followeth. Namely that the North line at the Land of Nod and the East line shall stand as they are at present stated, and for that Tract of Land which is in Controversy between the old Line and that that is run North and by West lately by Ensign Sherman, we say the distance that is between the Old and New line shall be exactly measured at the head, and a true line of division stated from the East line of the Land of Nod to the white Oak at Parly Meadow--only Reading is to have Forty acres of Land more than their half, which Forty acres is to be taken out of Woburn half, as followeth, namely that they shall have it in what poprieties of theirs that falls within Woburn division and what there be remaining that their proprieties doth not amount unto they are to take next their Meadows, in case they find it advantageous fencing them, and then if yet there remains any more of the said Forty acres, they are to have it on the North side of Maple Meadow River, joining to the River, and further it is agreed that this Forty acres within Woburn bounds shall Rate free from Woburn Town, We also do agree that these Copies shall be Recorded in both the Town Books of Woburn and Reading--And this is a final conclusion of all differences about the bounds of our Towns between Woburn and Reading, to which agreement we have set to our hands interchangably this 30th of April 1666--

Woburn	Reading
John Carter)	William Cowdrey)
William Johnson)	Mathew Edwards)
Josias Convas)	John Brown)
	Hannaniah Parker)

Gifts of Town Lands 1647-1642-1649

The Lands of William Cowdrey

Given by the Town of Lynn

First three score acres of upland that was given him by the Town of Lynn and layeth in the bounds of Reading, and is bounded on the South with Land of Maj Samuel Haugh and John Gould, and on the West with the lands of Thos. Taylor, and on the North with the Land of John Wiley and on the East with the Land of Maj Samuel Haugh and Nathaniel Cowdrey

Given by the Town of Reading in the year 1647

Given by the Town of Reading to William Cowdrey Twenty two acres of Meadow laying on Bear Meadow and is bounded on the East with the Meadow of Jeremy Swayne, and on the South East with the Common Land of the Town of Reading and on the South with the Meadow of Lieut John Smith, and on the West with the Meadow of Thos Kendall

in the year 1642

Given to William Cowdrey by the Town of Reading, Three acres of Meadow laying in the Mill Meadow, bounded on the East with the Meadow of William Eaton and Samuel Walker, and on the South with the Meadow of Thos Clark and on the West with the Land of Maj Samuel Haugh and Samuel Dunton and on the North with the meadow of Thomas Parker--

in the year 1647

Given to William Cowdrey by the Town of Reading Twenty two acres of upland laying in the common divident, and is bounded on the South with the Land of Josias Dastin, and on the West with the common Land of the Town of Reading on the North with Jeremy Fitchs, on the East with Francis Smith--

12 Day of the second month 1649

Given to William Cowdrey a peice of Land laying at the head of Thomas Kendalls House Lot, containing about Twelve acres or thereabouts in full satisfaction for all that was taken of his House Lot by Charlestown Line--

Gifts of Town Lands 1650-1647-1655-1679

the 26th 10th month 1650

Given to William Cowdrey all the Sledg of Meadow, that is between William Lawkins Meadow and Bear Meadow and that is between the hayry and Bear Meadow and so runs down towards Goodman Batchelders Meadow--at Bear Meadow in Satisfaction for his bad Meadow--

20th of the 8th month 1647

Given to William Cowdrey the 20th of the eighth Month 1647 A parcel of Land by the Water Mill upon the hill on the South East of Samuel Duntons House--

24th of the 10th Month 1655

Given to William Cowdrey the 24th of January 1655 Six score and seven poles of Meadow laying upon Ipswich River, and is bounded on the West by the Meadow of Thos Parker--and on the East with the Meadow of William Eaton--

Highway 1679-

The Highway before John Uptons House the 23th of July 1679-- We the Selectmen whose names are here under written, did state and lay out a Highway of three Rods wide, where the way now goeth, by John Uptons Fences--and so it is to be three Rods from the North side of his Barn towards his fences as it now stands, and so from the West corner of his barn to a stake set upright against his Door, for a Highway, and all the remainder of Land on the South side of this Highway, which is in the said Uptons side line was given to John Upton senior--

William Cowdrey — John Bachelder
Robert Burnap — Capt Jeremy Swayne
Thomas Kendall

Highway between Lynn & Reading

Highway between Lynn & Reading 1660

There being presented an agreement between the men of Lynn and also of Reading who were appointed by each Town to lay out a Highway between Lynn and Reading, Their agreement is entered as followeth-- We whose names are underwritten being indifferently chosen by the Town of Lynn and the Town of Reading to lay out an Highway between both the Towns have agreed as followeth

To begin at Lieu John Smiths House and there to be as now it is so far as the Rails or bars it being fenced on both sides, before and from those bars to be two poles broad untill it leaves the said Smith's Land leaving the way formerly made use of and going straight forward by Trees as they are marked untill we come to a Bushy Pond where the way formerly made use of meets again, and so along that way by trees as they are marked, from Lieu Smiths land to be four poles wide untill we come to Ensign Bancrofts field, and through his field to be two poles broad as it is staked out, and so along at the same breadth (untill) it leaves his improved Land, and from thence along the Highway as it is now now made use of, and at four poles in breadth as appears by Trees that are now marked untill it comes at or about the East corner of Goodman Tilelers Field, and so from thence upon a straight line untill it comes to the foot of the Rock, and so along untill it comes to Thos Wheelers fence, and so along by the foot of the rock untill it comes to Maj Divens fence, and so along by his fence as now it is set up untill it comes to meet the County highway that goeth to Lynn Bridge.

And further we agree that whatever Lands this way taketh from any mans propriety that due satisfaction shall be made by the Towns in which such Land doth lye, and also we agree that Maj Samuel Bennitt is to have Three pounds of the Town of Lynn in current pay for his improved land that this highway is laid out upon and for damage--

Dated the 5th of the 12th Month 1660 at Reading

Subscribed by

Ifran Ingalls
Thos Wheeler
William Langley
Lieu John Smith
Thos Clarke

Gifts of Town Lands 1647 & 1652

The Lands of Jeremy Fitch as was given him by the Town of Reading, as they are Butted and bounded, with the day and year-

given the 8th of December 1647

Eight acres of Meadow more or less laying in the Meadow called Martin's Meadow, and is bounded on the North with the Meadow of William Martin, and on the South with the Meadow that was given to John Pierson, but now is in the hand and occupation of the Widow Richeson of Woburn and on the East and West with the common Lands of the Town of Reading-

The 12th of March 1652

Ten acres of upland more or less laying in the west range of Lots, and is bounded with the land of George Davis on the North West with the Land of William Cowdrey on the South East and on the South West with the common Lands of the Town of Reading and on the North East with a Highway between the two range of Lots--

Gifts of Town Lands 1658

The Lands of Jonas Eaton as was given him by the Town of Reading, and as they are butted and bounded with the year and day when they were given with the number of acres

the 6th of the 10 Month 1647

Given him the 6th of the 10th Month 1647 Eleven acres of Meadow more or less laying in the Meadow called Bear Meadow upon Martin's River and is bounded by a Great Rock, on the South side of the River by a little Run the Run laying on the East side of the Rock, and a great pine Tree over against on the North side of the River, and so laying down on both sides of the River and is bounded on both sides with the upland of the proprietors, and is bounded on the East with the Meadow of Samuel Dunton, A great pitch pine on the North side of the River, and so upon a straight line to the South side of the River

the 14th Febuary 1658

Given him more the 14th of Febuary 1658-- Three acres of Meadow more or less laying upon Martin's River and is bounded with a pine tree on the South side of the River and so runs away to the upland on the North side of the River, and so is bounded on the East end with the Rock by the little Runn and so to the pine on the North side

The 14th Febuary 1658

Given him more the 14th of Febuary 1658-- One acre and a half more or less, laying in the Meadow commonly called dirty Meadow and is bounded on the South end with the Meadow that was given John Lawkin but is now in the occupation of the Widow Richardson the marked Tree between them is a Black Oak standing on the east side of the Meadow near to a little Brook, and so Runs away South West to a little Maple standing in the Meadow, and so to a Pitch Pine standing upon a Ridge of Land, The Towns Common laying on the west side of it, and the Towns Common Swamp laying on the east side of it--

The 6th Febuay 1659

The Lands of Jonas Eaton given to him the 6th of Febuary 1659, A parcel of Land adjoining unto Thomas Parkers Lot at dirty plain, on the east side of it to be Thirty poles long and twenty poles wide and is bounded with a sharp Rock on the North east end of it, and so to a pine Tree Southerly, and so straight over to the Lot that was Thomas Parkers---

Gifts of Town Lands 1659

Laid out to John Eaton an acre and a half of Swamp-more or less, in Lieu of what was wanted of his Lot in the Cedar Swamp which was one half, and this acre and half of Swamp lieth the most of it in the first Range of Lots in ( ) Swamp, at the South end next to John Eatons plain, and is bounded as followeth "viz" by the Land of James Nichols and Jonathan Eaton on the West, and by the Land of Capt Swayne on the East, and by John Eatons plain on the South, and by the Land of John Morrow on the North, and is bounded by a pine Tree on the North West corner marked with ‡: E: and with ‡: M: and with ‡: N: and by a pine Tree in the North East corner marked with ‡: E: and with ‡ :S: and by a Maple Tree on the South East corner marked with ‡: E: and with ‡: S: and by a Maple Tree on the South West corner marked with ‡: E:

The Lands of Stephen Wesson as it was given him by the Town of Reading; and as they are Butted and bounded with the year and day when they were given with the number of acres

Given to him the second day of Febuary in the year 1690/1 Three acres of Land out of the Towns Common Land on the Southerly end of Lows Meadow hill--

More given to him the fifth of March in the year 1693/4 four acres of Land on the South end of Lows Hill--

Town Lands

Febuary 2nd 1690/1

At a General Town Meeting held upon the first of Febuary 1691/2 Lieu Thomas Bancroft and Nathaniel Parker was chosen to lay out the land that the Town gave to Stephen Wesson who when they had laid out said land made their return of their doing the same to the Clerk, with the Butts and bounds of the same which are as followeth; The two grants of the Town being seven acres is laid out upon the Southerly end of Lows Meadow hill, and is bounded Southerly by the Land of Nathaniel Cutler, and Northerly by the Town Common, and Easterly by the Highway and Westerly by Woburn Line; the South East corner bounds is a great Rock, the South West corner is bounded by a stake and stones, the North West corner is bounded by a pine Bush, the North East is bounded by a White Oak Bush--

The Land or Swamp Lot of Thomas Tower and Richard Horndell--

March the 5th 1693/4

This Swamp Lot lieth between the Lot of John Eaton Senior and Benjamin Smith. Thomas Tower Lieth on the East end and Richard Horndell on the West and Lieth near to the place that is called Harris's hole--

The Land of Samuel Lamson that he bough of Ralph Dix, which is two acres of Meadow, laying within the bounds of the Town of Reading, and is bounded on the North East side with the common lands of the Town of Reading, and at the West corner marked with a Maple and on the Northwest end with the upland, and so Runs along by the Swamp to a Maple to the South East end and so to the upland--

Highway between Lynn & Reading

Lynn May the 14th 1694

We whose names are under written being Mutually chosen by the Selectmen of the Towns of Lynn and Reading to Renew the County Highway formerly laid out by a committee chosen by each Town; betwixt said Towns. We coming upon the place did renew marks as followeth Begining at the House that was formerly Capt John Smiths, the way being two poles wide, a post being marked and a stake standing next the House, so along by the Stone Wall, being two poles wide upon all that is propriety and from the Stone Wall to a crooked White Oak tree, and a Black Oak tree, standing on the Northerly side of the way, and from thence to a White Oak tree and a Black Oak tree, and from thence to Bacheller Brook to an Ash tree, and to a White Oak tree and from thence by the lower way to Mines Brook, to two Black Oak trees marked, and at the end of Reading bounds or there abouts (to) two Black Oak (trees) marked and from thence along as the Old Way goeth btwixt two Bushy Ponds, and there is marked in a Maple tree and a Swamp White Oak; and from thence along the way betwixt Daniel Hitchins and Maj Booremans and so to a White Oak at the foot of a Rock and a Black Oak, and from thence to a Black Oak, and a White Oak on the plain; and from thence to a White Oak and a black oak at the parting of the way to Whites farm; and from thence to the Brook Called Samuel Jonceses Brook; to a White Oak tree and a flat Rock; and so along by said Jonceses fence to two trees marked at the point of the Hill, and so along to the South west side of Maj Roadses feild, and two poles wide through Roadses till we come to Roadses Gate, and so along by Roadses fence till we come to Wheelers land, and so through Wheelers land till we come to Dimons land, leaving Dimons fence on the east side of said Highway till we come to the County Road that goes to Lynn Bridge, we mean from Maj Roadses Gate and Wheelers fence as they now stand to be on the Easterly side of said way, and where the said way lieth on the common to be four poles wide and in all propriety but two poles

The foregoing is signed by--

of Reading	(Jeremiah Swayne (Benjamin Fitch (John Bacheller (Thomas Bancroft	of Lynn	(John Lewis Sen (Robert Potter Sen (John Burall Sen (Samuel Jonson

Highway between Lynn & Reading

-Memorandum-

We the Committee chosen by the Selectmen of Lynn and Reading to lay out the Highway between the two Towns aforesaid we met the 14th of May /94, and not finishing said way we met again the 11th of Febuary, /95 and finished the laying out of said way, we began on the South West side of Roadses land, the first station is a Rock within side said Roadses fence with stones upon it, the way to lie on the Southerly side of said Rock and said way to run straight from thence through Roadses land to the gate near Roadses Barn and so to continue along the Stone wall as aforesaid

Lynn John Lewis Sen)
Robert Potter Sen)
Samuel Jonson)

Reading Jeremiah Swayne)
Benjamin Fitch)
John Bacheller)
Thomas Bancroft)

The Division of Lands in the Town of Reading

Drawn 25th of January 1685/6

The Lands of Benjamin Fitch--

Benjamin Fitch's first division Lot being in number the 22nd Lot, and bounded by a swamp Oak between John Woodwards

Drawn the 7th of Febuary 1686/7

Benjamin Fitchs second division Lot being in number the 10th Lot and bounded on the North by a White Oak by the Highway marked with B: E: and E: S: and from thence to a stake by Dastins Bridge

part of Benj Fitch 2d Div.

Also a parcel of Land lying at the West end of his own Bear Meadow, bounded by a Rock at the South West corner, and by the Land of John Bacheller on the South--

-The Lands of Thomas Nichols-

Thomas Nichols first division Lot--being in number the 14th Lot, and is bounded as followeth, by the Land of David Hartshorn Easterly--

-The Lands of Nathaniel Cutler-

Drawn the 7th of Febuary 1686/7

Nathaniel Cutlers 2nd Division Lot being in number 38 and bounded as followeth, with a Black Oak on the South East corner marked with N: C: and from thence Northerly to a Black Oak with a heap of stones, and from thence Westerly to a White Oak upon a Rocky knoll near Hodgman Meadow, and from thence Southerly to a White Oak, and by the Land of Mathew Edwards Northerly, and by the Land of John Wesson Southerly, and also what Land lieth between the Town Highway, and the Lot of Nathaniel Cutler which his House stands on--

Drawn the 7th of Febuary 1686/7

John Woodwards first division Lot, being number 21--bounded as followeth, by John Burnap Easterly and Deacon Benjamin Fitch Westerly, and Southerly by the Land of Nathaniel Cutler--

the 47 lot 1686/7

Francis Smiths first division Lot Sold to Nathaniel Cutler, being in number the 47 Lott, and is bounded by the Land of James Pike Westerly, and by the Land and Meadow of Nathaniel Cutler and Abraham Briant Northerly--and Southerly by the Land of Henry Belflower and the Towns Highway--

This is a true Record of said Lot--
as Attest Jona Browne Layer out--

Division of Lands Continued

Drawn the 25th of Januay 1685/6 — Benjamin Hartshorns first division Lot, being in number 20, and is bounded by the Land of John Brown Southerly, and by the Land of William Arnold Northerly.

Drawn the 25th of Januay 1685/6 — Mathew Edwards first division Lot, being in number 7, and is bounded by the Town Common and the Highway Easterly and by a Highway between Lots Northerly, and by a Range way on the West and on the South by Land of Joseph Fitch.

Drawn the 25th of Januay 1685/6 — John Nichols first division Lot being in number 26, and is bounded by the Range way Westerly and Southerly by the Land of Thomas Bancroft, and Easterly by John Bachellers Swamp Lot, and Northerly by the Land of Dea Thomas Parker.

Drawn the 7th of Febuary 1686/7 — John Nichols second division Lot being in number 26, and is bounded as followeth by the Land of Joseph Brown Northerly, and by the Highway that goeth to Davices Ford Easterly, and Southerly by the Land of Leiu Hause, and Westerly by the Highway that goeth to the hundred acres and John Boutwells Swamp.

Drawn the 25th of January 1685/6 — Thomas Clarks first division Lot being in number the 5th Lot, and is bounded as followeth, on the North by the Highway and John Parkers Meadow, and on the East by the Town Common, and Southerly by the Land of John Wesson Sen.

Drawn the 7th of Febuary 1686/7 — William Hauseys second division Lot, being in number 25, and is bounded as followeth, by the Land of John Nichols on the Northerly side and westerly by the Highway that goeth to the hundred acres, Southerly and Easterly with the Highway that goeth to Davices Ford.

Drawn the 7th of Febuary 1686/7 — Jonathan Pools second division Lot, and is bounded Easterly by the Land of Samuel Fitch Southerly by the Land of Nathaniel Cowdry, and westerly by the Highway that goeth to hundred acres, and Northerly by the Highway that goeth to Davices ford,

Drawn the 7th of Febuary 1686/7 — Samuel Fitchs second division Lot, being in number 30, and is bounded Northerly by the Highway that goeth to Davices, Ford, and Easterly by the Land of Joseph Fitch, and Westerly by the Land of Jonathan Pool. and Southerly by the Land of Nathaniel Cowdry.

Division of Lands Continued

Drawn the 25th of January 1685/6 — Joseph Fitchs first division, lying on the West side of the Town being in number 6, and is 17 acres more or less, bounded on the North side with the Land of Mathew Edwards

Drawn the 7th of Febuary 1686/7 — Joseph Fitchs second division Lot, being in number 31 and is bounded Northerly with the Highway that goeth to Davices "Ford".

Drawn 7th Febuary 1686/7 — Thomas Taylors Sen second division Lot is bounded upon the North west corner with a Black Oak tree marked with T.T. and with I.W. and Samuel Lamsons Sledge and so to the Range Highway, 9 acres--

Drawn 7th Febuary 1686/7 — John Wesson Sens second division Lot, being in number 37 and is bounded Northerly by the Land of Nathaniel Cutler and westerly by the Range Highway, and Southerly by the Land of Thomas Taylor Sen.

Abraham Briants Lot on Birchen Plain with Part of his first division Lot of upland which is bounded by a Town Highway Northerly and Westerly by a Town Highway. and by the Town Highway on the East

The remainder of the above said first division, being in number 46 by draft--is bounded by the Land of Jonathan Eaton Southerly, and by the Highway that goeth to Maj Herberts Meadow Easterly, and by the Highway or Common Northerly.

Abraham Briants second division Lot, being the fifth in number and is bounded by Woburn line Westerly and by the Land of Benjamin Hartshorn Northerly, and by the hundred acres Easterly and by the Land of William Hooper Southerly.

Abraham Briants Ash Swamp Lot being in number fifty six with the satisfaction for the Highway that goeth on the North side of his Lot upon Birchen Plain, which is bounded by the Lands of James Pikes second division Northerly, and by Woburn line Westerly, and by the land of John Weston Jr Southerly and by the Highway that goeth to Mathews Bridge Easterly.

Division of lands Continued

At a general Town meeting held upon the fourth of March 1694/5 by the proprietors and other Inhabitants, there was then power given unto the Selectmen to sell unto Sargt Abraham Briant that part of the Island lying at the head of George Lillys Swamp Lot, the Selectmen have accordingly sold unto Sargt Abraham Briant that part of said Island which lyeth against the head of the Swamp Lot that was George Lillys extending the same line on the Easterly side of said Lot over the Island unto the Swamp of Joseph Fitchs, for which part of said Island Sargt Briant hath payed six shillings in Money and the Hinges for the Round Gate, for which payment the said Briant shall or may enjoy possess and improve the Land above said as his own proper Inheritence in fee simple he or his heirs forever

As Attest John Bacheller Town Clerk

--The Lands of John Bacheller--

Drawn the 25th of January 1685/6

John Bachellers first division Lot of Common Rights being in number 12- and is bounded by the swamp of Maj John Brooks on the North, and by the Lands of John Dunton and Joseph Hartshorn on the East, and by the Land of Jonas Eaton about nine or ten poles along the side of the said Lot on the South--

Drawn the 7th of Febuary 1686

John Bachellers second division Lot of Common Rights being in number 27, and is bounded by the Land of Capt John Brown on the North and by the Range Highway on the East, and by John Wessons Sledge of Meadow and Dea William Cowdrys Sledge of Meadow on the South--

Maj John Brooks Ash Swamp Lot being in number--- and is nineteen acres more or less, part of said lot lyeth on the east of Maj Herberts Meadow, thirteen acres more or less and is bounded by the Meadow of John Herbert on the west, and by the Land of Samuel Lamson on the North, and by the Land of Thomas Damman on the South. And the other six acres more or less lyeth in the swamp that lyeth at the west end of Nathaniel Parkers Meado and is bounded by the Land of Benjamin Fitch on the North and on the west, and by the Land of David Hartshorn and of John Bacheller on the South--

Capt John Browns second division Lot of Common Rights being in number---- and is bounded by the Ministerial Land on the North, and by the Range Highway on the East, and by the Land of John Bacheller on the South and by a Range Highway on the West--

Division of Lands Continued

Josiah Hodgmans Lot.

Josiah Hodgmans Lot being laid out before the Town had chosen a committee to settle some particular persons proportions there was not laid out to said Hodgmans his full share, the remainder of said Hodgmans Lot was laid out at the end of Thomas Hodgmans and William Houpers pine swamp lots, and is bounded by the Swamp of Nathaniel Parker on the North, and by the Meadow Lots Westerly and Southerly, and by the Swamp Lots of Thomas Hodgman and William Houper on the East--

A Record of the Lots of the Pine Swamp

A Record of the Lots of the Pine Swamp as they were laid out according to their Drafts in their several Plots which were drawn the 8th of Febuary 1691/2 for the West side of the Town the first Plot was Reave Swamp, which was cut in two Ranges, the Range line beginning at the pine tree next the River standing in the line between Maj Brooks Meadow and the Swamp Running from said tree South and by East unto John Eatons plain beginning at the North end of the Range on the West side of the Swamp--

1 Henry Feltch

The first Lot came out for Sargt Henry Feltch which was laid out the 15th of January 1693/4 which was six acres and a half or thereabouts, being about 22 poles broad and is bounded on the North by Maj Brooks Meadow.

2nd lot Seabred Taylor

The second lot came to Seabred Taylor which was about one acre and fifty four poles and is about 4 poles wide and is bounded by the land of Henry Feltch on the North.

Joshua Eaton 3rd lot

The third Lot to Joshua Eaton which is about five acres and fifty seven poles, and is about sixteen poles wide, and is bounded on the North by the land of Seabred Taylor.

Josiah Hodgman 4th Lot

The fourth Lot to Josiah Hodgman which is about one acre and fifty poles, and is about four poles wide, and is bounded on the North by land of Joshua Eaton, and on the east by the Range line, and on the South by the Land of James Pike, and on the West by the Land of Joseph Fitch.

James Pike 5th lot

The fifth Lot to James Pike Sen and Junior, which is seven acres and forty poles, is about 22 poles wide, and is bounded on the North by the Land of Josiah Hodgman and on the East by the Range Line, and on the South by the Land of John Merrow and on the West by the Land of Joseph Fitch or William Arnold .

John Merrow 6th lot

The sixth Lot came out for John Merrow, which is one acre and a half and 32 poles or there abouts, and is about 5 poles wide and is bounded on the North by the Land of James Pike, and on the East by the Range line, and on the South by the Land of James Nichols, and on the West by the Land of William Arnolds.

James Nichols 7th lot

The seventh Lot came out for James Nichols and is three acres and a half or there abouts, and is bounded by the land of John Merrow on the North, and by the Land of John Eaton on the East, and by the Land of William Arnold and the Meadow of John Eaton on the West, and by the land of Jonathan Eaton on the South.

Pine Swamp Lands

Jonathan Eaton 8th lot

The eighth Lot came out for Jonathan Eaton, and is two acres or thereabouts, and is bounded by the Range line on the West, and by Maj Brooks Meadow on the North, and by the Land of John Brown on the East, and by the land of Jeremiah Swayne on the South.

Jeremiah Swayne 9th lot

The ninth Lot to Jeremiah Swayne and is seven acres and a half or thereabouts, and is bounded by the land of Jonathan Eaton and John Brown on the North, and by the highway that goeth to the hundred acres on the east, and by the land of Henry Merrow on the South.

Henry Merrow 10th Lot

The tenth Lot to Henry Merrow being two acres and three quarters more or less, and is bounded by the land of Jeremiah Swayne on the North, and by the highway on the East, and by the land of William Arnold on the South.

Given to William Arnold

A peice of Land given to William Arnold by Capt Brown for satisfaction for e Highway taken out of said Arnolds first division which lieth at the Easterly end of Thomas Clarks Meadow at the hundred acres.

William Arnold 11th Lot

The eleventh Lot came out for Thomas Clark alias William Arnold which is four acres or thereabouts, which is about twelve poles wide, and is bounded on the North by the Land of James Stimson or Merrow, and on the West by the Range line, and on the South by the Land of Thomas Parker.

Thomas Parker 12th

The Twelfth Lot came out for Thomas Parker and is two acres or thereabouts, and is bounded by the land of William Arnold on the North, and by the Highway on the East, and by the land of John Eaton on the South.

John Eaton 13th lot

The Thirteenth Lot to John Eaton and is five acres and a quarter or thereabouts, more or less, and is bounded by the Land of Thomas Parker on the North, and by the Highway on the east, and by the land of John Burnap on the South. One acre of said lot Lieth in the Swamp, on the South East corner of his own house lot, and by the Land of Maj Herbert on the East, and by the Land of Nathaniel Cutler Southerly.

The rest of Jeremiah Swaynes or Cowdrys Lot lieth at the end of the Swamp next to John Eatons plain, and is bounded by the upland of John Eaton and John Merrows Swamps on the Southerly side, and by the land of Capt Swayne on the North.

Pine Swamp Lands

John Burnap 14th Lot

The Fourteenth Lot came out for John Burnap and is two acres and one quarter more or less, and is bounded by the Land of John Eaton on the North, and by the Highway on the East, and by the Land of John Wesson on the South.

John Wesson 15th Lot

The Fifteenth Lot to John Wesson which is two acres or thereabouts, and is bounded by the land of John Burnap on the North, and by the Highway on the East, and by Land of Capt Swayne on the South, and by the Range line on the West.

Capt Jeremiah Swayne 16th Lot

The Sixteenth Lot to Capt Jeremiah Swayne which is eight acres and one third of an acre or thereabouts, and is bounded by the Land of John Wesson Jr on the North and by the Highway on the East, and by the Land of John Eaton on the West, and by the Land of----- on the South.

Francis Smith 17th Lot

At the hundred acres Island the Seventeenth Lot to Francis Smith, and is five acres and three quarters or thereabouts, and is bounded by the land of Joseph Feltch on the East.

Joseph Feltch 18th Lot

The Eighteenth Lot to Joseph Feltch and is an acre and two thirds of an acre or thereabouts, and is bounded by the land of Francis Smith on the West, and by the Meadow of John Eaton and Land of John Nichols on the North, and by the Land of Nathaniel Goodwin on the East .

John Nichols 19th Lot

The Nineteenth Lot to John Nichols and is seven acres and one third of an acre, and is bounded by the land of Joseph Feltch and Nathaniel Goodwin on the South and by the Meadow of John Eaton on the West, and by the Land of Stephen Wesson on the North.

Stephen Wesson 20th Lot

The Twentieth Lot to Stephen Wesson and is an acre and twenty poles or thereabouts, and is bounded by the land of John Damon and John Boutwell on the North and by the Sledge of Meadow on the East, and by the land of John Nichols on the South, and by the Meadow of John Eaton on the West.

John Damon 21th Lot

The Twenty first Lot to John Damon and is three acres and a half and ten poles, or thereabouts, and is bounded by the Land of John Boutwell on the East, and by Meadow Land on the North and on the West, and by the Land of Stephen Wesson on the South.

Pine Swamp Lands

John Boutwell 22nd Lot

The Twenty second Lot came out for John Boutwell, and is five acres or thereabouts and is bounded by the Land of John Damon on the West, and by the Meadow of Benjamin Fitch on the North, and by the Land of Samuel Fitch on the East, and by the Meadow on the South, this Lot lyeth on both sides of the sponge of brush Meadow of Benjamin Davis-

Samuel Fitch 23rd Lot

The Twenty third Lot to Samuel Fitch, and is three acres and two thirds of an acre or thereabouts, and is bounded by the Land of John Boutwell on the west and by the land of Nathaniel Cutler on the East, and by the Meadow of Benjamin Fitch on the North.

Nathaniel) Cutler 24th Lot

The Twenty fourth Lot came out for Nathaniel Cutler being Six acres and a quarter more or less, and is bounded by the Lands of Samuel Fitch on the West, and by the Meadow on the North, and by the Ministerial Meadow on the East. The remainder of said Lot lyeth by John Eatons plain, which is an acre and ninety poles more or less, and is bounded by the Lands of John Eaton on the North, and by the Land of Maj John Herbert on the East

Jeremiah Pike 25th Lot

The Twenty fifth Lot to Jeremiah pike, and is three acres or thereabouts and is bounded by the Ash Swamp Lot of Timothy Wiley on the East, and by the Ash Swamp lot of Thomas Hodgman on the North, and by the Land of Jeremiah Swayne on the South, and by the land of Nathaniel Goodwin on the West.

Nathaniel) Goodwins 26th Lot

The Twenty sixth Lot came to Nathaniel Goodwin, and is eight acres or there abouts, and is bounded by the Land of Capt Swayne and of Thomas Hodgman on the North, and by the Land of Jeremiah Pike on the East, and by the upland on the South, and by the Land of Capt Swayne and Henry Feltch on the West.

John Wesson 27th Lot

The Twenty seventh Lot to John Wesson, and is six acres and a quarter or thereabouts and is bounded by the Land of Nathaniel Parker on the West, and by the Land of Samuel Lamson and by the Land of James Boutwell on the North and by the perpetual common on the East

James Boutwell 28th Lot

The Twenty eighth Lot to James Boutwell and is seven acres or thereabouts, and is bounded by the Meadow of John Bacheller and Jonas Eaton on the West, and by the Land of Capt Swayne on the North, and by the perpetual common on the East, and by the Land of James Boutwell on the South.

Pine Swamp Lands

Ephraim Savage 29th Lot

The Twenty ninth Lot to Capt Ephraim Savage, and is seven acres and a quarter or thereabouts, and is bounded by the Meadow of Jonas Eaton on the West, and by the Land of John Parker Sen, on the North, and by the perpetual Common on the East, and by the Land of James Boutwell on the South,

John Parker 30th Lot

The Thirtieth Lot to John Parker Sen, and is two acres or thereabouts, and is bounded by the Land of Thomas Hodgman on the North, and by the Perpetual Common on the East, and by the Land of Capt Savage on the South, and by the Meadow of Jonas Eaton on the West.

Thomas Hodgman 31st Lot

A highway is to be allowed for the Proprietors to go to their Meadows

The Thirty first Lot to Thomas Hodgman, and is four acres and a half or thereabouts, and is bounded by the Land of William Hupper on the North, and by the Perpetual Common and the Range line on the East, and by the Land of John Parker on the South, and by the Land of Josiah Hodgman on the West. And also the Island of upland lying in the Meadow formerly called the Common Meadow, his Meadow lying on the Easterly side of said Island, and Benjamin Davis's Meadow on the Northerly side, and John Eatons Meadow on the Westerly side of said Island, and this Island is about one half of said Hodgmans Lot--

William Hupper 32nd Lot

The Thirty second Lot to William Hupper, and is three acres and a half or thereabouts, and is bounded by the Land of Nathaniel Parker on the North, and by the Range line on the East, and by the land of Thomas Hodgman on the South, and by the land of Josiah Hodgman on the West.

Nathaniel Parker 33 Lot

The Thirty Third Lot to Nathaniel Parker, and is five acres and a half or thereabouts, and is bounded by the land of Thomas Damon on the North, and by the range line on the East, and by the lands of William Hupper on the South, and by Maj Herberts Meadow on the West.

Thomas Dammans 34 Lot

The Thirty fourth lot to Thomas Damman, and is three acres and a half or thereabouts, and is bounded by the Land of Maj Broock and of Edward Taylor on the North, and by the Range line on the East, and by the land of Nathaniel Parker on the South, and by the Meadow of Maj Herbert on the West.

Nicholas Rice 35th Lot

The Thirty fifth Lot to Nicholas Rice and is five acres and the third part of an acre, more or less, and is bounded by the upland on the North, and by the land of William Arnold on the South, and by the Range line on the West

William Arnold 36th Lot

The Thirty sixth Lot to William Arnold and is four acres and the third part of an acre more or less, and is bounded by the lands of Nicholas Rice on the North and by the upland on the East, and by the land of John Feltch on the South, and by the Range line on the West.

Pine Swamp Lands

John Brown 37th Lot

The Thirty seventh Lot to John Brown, and is three acres more or less, and is bounded by the upland on the West and on the North, and by the Highway on the East and by the great Island on the South, and by the land of John Feltch on the West. And one acre of said lot lyeth on the East side of the Great Island Bridge, and is bounded on the East by Joseph Davis and Stephen Fish and Francis Hutchison, and by John Parker on the North, (and) the great Island on the South.

John Feltch 38 Lot

The Thirty eighth Lot to John Feltch, and is three acres more or less, and is bounded by the land of William Arnold on the North, and by the Land of John Brown on the East and by the Land of Benjamin Hartshorn on the South and by the North East End of Timber Neck on the west.

Benjamin Hartshorn 39th Lot

The Thirty ninth Lot to Benjamin Hartshorn, and is four acres more or less, and is bounded by the Land of John Feltch on the North, and by the great Island on the East, and by the Land of James Boutwell Jr on the South.

James Boutwell 40 Lot

The Fortieth Lot to James Boutwell, and is one acre and 20 poles more or less, and is bounded by the Land of Benjamin Hartshorn on the North, and by the Great Island on the East, and by the land of Daniel Merrow on the South.

Daniel Merrow 41th Lot

The Forty first Lot to Daniel Merrow and is five acres and three quarters more or less, and is bounded by the Land of James Boutwell on the North, and by the little Island Bridge and little Island on the East, and by the upland of John Pool on the South.

John Tomson 42nd Lot

The Forty second Lot to John Tomson, and is three acres more or less, and is bounded by the Land of Thomas Bancroft on the North, and by John Pools farm on the East and on the South, and by the little Island on the West.

Thomas Bancroft 43rd Lot

The Forty third Lot to Thomas Bancroft and is six acres and a half more or less, and is bounded by the Land of Abraham Briant on the North, and by the Range line on the East, and by John Pools farm and by the Lands of John Tomson on the South.

Abraham Briant 44th Lot

The Forty fourth Lot came out for Abraham Briant being six acres more or less, and is bounded by the Land of John Parker on the North, and by a Range line on the East and by the Land of Thomas Bancroft on the South, and by the little Island Bridge and the great Island on the West.

John Parker 45th Lot

The Forty fifth Lot to John Parker, and is six acres and a half more or less, and is bounded by the Land of Joseph Dutton on the North, and by the Land of Abraham Briant on the South.

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Joseph Dutton 46th Lot

The Forty sixth Lot to Joseph Dutton, and is two acres and one quarter of an acre more or less, and is bounded by the land of Samuel Damman on the North, and by the Range line on the East, and by the Land of John Parker on the South, and by the great Island on the West.

Samuel Damman 47th Lot

The Forty seventh lot to Samuel Damman, and is four acres and a half more or less, and is bounded by the Land of Joseph Davis on the North, and by the range line on the East, and by the land of Joseph Dutton on the South, and by the great Island on the West.

Joseph Davis 48th Lot

The Forty eighth Lot to Joseph Davis, and is one acre more or less, and is bounded by the Land of Francis Huchison on the North, and by the Range line on the East, and by the Land of Samuel Damman on the South, and by the land of John Brown on the West.

John Bacheller Clerk

Grant of Land to Thomas Bancroft

A Grant March 1st 1689

At a General Town Meeting held upon the first of March in the year 1687--

Capt Thomas Bancroft Second division Lot of upland with the bounds of it upon Record

It was agreed and voted that Thomas Bancroft his proportion of his second division upon the North side of his own Land and towards his Meadow which he bought of Richard Harnden, The second division Lot of Thomas Bancroft lyeth upon the North end of the great Hill, on the West side of the Highway that goeth by the West end of Tatman Lot and is bounded by the Land of Samuel Fitch and by his own Land Southerly, and by the Land of Daniel Merrow Westerly, and by the Lands of John Tomson, John Merrow and Thomas Taylor Northerly,--

Pine Swamp Lands

A Record of the Lots of the Pine Swamp as they were laid out according to their Draft in their several plots, which were drawn the 8th of Febuary 1691-2 for the East side of the Town, begining at the North end of the Swamp towards Edward Fuchisons, the Range line begining at the South West corner of Ralph Dix's Swamp Lot running westerly towards the Cedar Swamp--

John Bacheller 1st lot

The First Lot to John Bacheller, which is six acres and a half more or less, and is bounded by the upland on the North, and by the Land of Thomas Bancroft on the East, and by the Range line on the South, and by the Land of Maj Peirpont on the West.

Major Peirpont 2nd Lot

The Second Lot to Maj Peirpont which is six acres and a half more or less, and is bounded by the upland on the North, and by the Land of John Bacheller on the East, and by the Range line on the South, and by the Land of Mathew Edwards on the West, and is about 21 poles wide.

Mathew Edwards 3rd Lot

The Third Lot to Mathew Edwards, alias Thomas Boutwell and John Dickerman, which is Eleven acres more or less, and is bounded by the Meadow of Capt Brown on the North, and by the Land of Maj Peirpont on the East, and by the Range line on the South, and by the land of Maj John Herbert on the West.

Maj John) Herbert 4th Lot

The Fourth Lot to Maj John Herbert, which is three acres and one quarter more or less, and is bounded by the Meadow of Capt Brown, and on the East by the Land of Mathew Edwards, by the Range line on the South, and by the Land of John Woodward on the West, and is 9 poles broad or thereabouts

John Woodward 5th Lot

The fifth Lot to John Woodward, which is two acres and 2/3 of an acre more or less, and is bounded by the Meadow of Capt Brown on the North, and by the Land of Maj John Herbert on the East, and by the Range line on the South and by the Land of Joseph Burnap on the West, and is seven poles broad or thereabouts.

Joseph Burnap 6th Lot

The Sixth Lot to Joseph Burnap which is two acres and a quarter more or less and is bounded by the Meadow of Capt Brown on the North, and by the Land of John Woodward on the East, and by the Range line on the South, and by the Land of Cornelius Brown on the West--and is six poles broad or thereabout.

Cornelius) Brown 7th Lot

The Seventh Lot to Cornelius Brown, which is four acres and a half more or less, and is bounded by the Meadow of Capt Brown on the North, and by the Land of Joseph Burnap on the East, and by the Range line on the South and by the Land of Joseph Hartshorn on the West, and is Eighteen poles wide or thereabouts.

Line Swamp Lands

Joseph Hartshorn 8th Lot

The Eighth Lot to Joseph Hartshorn, which is two acres and fifty seven poles, and is bounded by the Meadow of Capt Brown on the North, and by the Land of Cornelius Brown on the East--and by the Range line on the South, and by the Land of Robert Burnap on the West, and is nine poles wide or thereabouts.

Robert Burnap 9th Lot

The Ninth Lot to Robert Burnap, and is five acres and two thirds of an acre more or less, and is bounded by the Meadow of Capt Brown on the North, and by the Land of Joseph Hartshorn on the East--and by the Range on the South part of said Lot lying on the South side of the Range line, bounded by the Land of John Eaton on the East, and by the Cedar Swamp on the west-

John Eaton 10th Lot)

The Tenth Lot to John Eaton, which is seven acres and two thirds of an acre more or less, and is bounded by the Range line on the North, and by the Land of Robert Burnap on the West, and by Maj Russels farm on the South, and by the Land of Jonas Eaton on the East, and is twenty seven poles wide or thereabouts.

Jonas Eaton 11th Lot

The Eleventh Lot to Jonas Eaton, which is six acres more or less, and is bounded by the Range line on the North and by the Land of John Eaton on theWest, and by the Land of Joseph Fitch on the East, and by Maj Russels farm on the South, and is about 24 poles wide at the North end, and about 14 poles wide at the South End.

Joseph Fitch 12th Lot

The Twelfth Lot to Joseph Fitch, which is six acres more or less, and is bounded by the Range line on the North, and by the Land of Ralph Dix on the East, and by Maj Russels farm on the South and by the Land of Jonas Eaton on the West, and is about 21 poles wide at the North end, and about 11 poles wide at the South end. And another part of said lot bounded by John Eaton on the East, and by Maj Russels farm on the South, and by the Land of John Dunton on the West.

John Dunton 13th Lot

The Thirteenth Lot to John Dunton, which is four acres more or less, and is bounded by the Land of Joseph Fitch on the East, and by Maj Russels farm on the South, and by the Land of William Cowdry on the West, and by the Cedar Swamp Lot of Ralph Dix on the North.

William Cowdry 14th Lot

The Fourteenth Lot to William Cowdry, and is six acres more or less, and is bounded by the Land of John Dunton on the East, and by Maj Russels farm on the South, and by the Cedar Swamp on the North, and by the ends of the Lots of the next Range which are Cornelius Browns and Samuel Pools and Thomas Nichols land on the West and John Dix

Pine Swamp Lands

Cornelius Brown 15th Lot

The Fifteenth Lot to Cornelius Brown, and is about one acre and a half or there abouts, and is bounded by the Land of Samuel Pool on the South, and by the Range line on the West, and by the Land of William Cowdry on the East-- and by the Cedar Swamp Lots of on the North

Samuel Pool 16th Lot

The Sixteenth Lot to Samuel Pool, and is about two acres more or less, and is bounded by the Land of Cornelius Brown Jr on the North, and by the Land of William Cowdry on the East, and by the Land of Thomas Nichols on the South.

Thomas Nichols 17th Lot

The Seventeenth Lot to Thomas Nichols, and is six acres and a half more or less, and is bounded by the Land of Samuel Pool on the North, and by the Land of William Cowdry on the East, and by the Land of John Dix on the South.

John Dix 18th Lot

The Eighteenth Lot to John Dix, and is nine acres more or less, and is bounded by the Land of Thomas Nichols on the North, and by the Land of Benjamin Fitch on the South, and by the farm of William Cowdry and Edward Brown on the East.

Benjamin Fitch 19th

The Nineteenth Lot to Benjamin Fitch, and is eight acres and a half more or less, and is bounded by the Land of John Dix on the North, and by the farm of Edward Brown on the East, and by the Land of Joseph Pool and Hannaniah Parker on the South, and by the Land of David Bacheller on the West.

Jonathan Pool 20th Lot

The Twentieth Lot to Jonathan Pool, and is seven acres more or less, part of said Lot about two acres lieth by John Peirsons tree, and is bounded by the Land of Benjamin Fitch on the North, and by the Land of Hannaniah Parker Westerly, and by Edwards Browns farm Easterly, and another part of this Lot Lieth at the East end of Benjamin Fitchs Meadow, and is bounded by the Land of John Brown Easterly, and by the Land of John Pratt on the South.

John Brown 21st Lot

The Twenty first Lot to John Brown, and is four acres and a half more or less, and is bounded by the Land of Jonathan Pool on the West, and by the Land of John Pratt on the South, and by the Land of Capt John Brown on the East, and by the Meadow of Maj Russel on the on the North.

John Pratt 22nd Lot

The Twenty second Lot came out for John Pratt, and is four acres and a half more or less, and is bounded by the Cedar Swamp on the East, and by the Land of Capt Brown on the South, and by the Meadow of John Bacheller and John Dunton on the West, and by the Land of Jonathan Pool and John Brown and Capt Brown on the North.

Line Swamp Lands

Capt John Browns 23rd Lot — The Twenty third Lot to Capt John Brown, and is nine acres and a half more or less, and is bounded as followeth "Viz" about two or three acres of said Lot lieth by Russels and Capt Browns Meadow, and is bounded by the Land of John Pratt on the South, and by the Land of John Brown on the West, and by the Cedar Swamp on the East

Samuel Dunton 24th Lot — The Twenty fourth Lot to Samuel Dunton, and is four acres more or less, and is bounded by the land of Capt John Brown on the North, and by the Range line or Highway on the East, and by the land of Isaac Southwick on the South and by Meadow of Joseph Brown on the West

Isaac Southwick) 25th Lot — The Twenty fifth Lot to Isaac Southwick, and is one acre more or less, and is bounded by the Land of Samuel Dunton on the North, and by the Range line or highway on the East, and by the Land of Joseph Brown on the South, and by the Meadow of Widow Dastin on the West.

Joseph Brown 26 Lot — The Twenty sixth Lot to Joseph Brown, and is five acres and three quarters more or less, and is bounded by the Land of Isaac Southwick on the North, and the Meadow of Widow Dastin on the West, and by the Land of David Bacheller on the South, and by the highway and the Range line which runneth North or north East.

David Bacheller 27 Lot — The Twenty seventh Lot to David Bacheller, and is three acres and one quarter more or less, and is bounded by the Land of Joseph Brown on the North, and by the Land of Abraham (Robbarts) and the Meadow of the Widow Dastin on the Westerly and Southerly side, and by the Range line on the West end of Benjamin Fitchs lot on the east

Thomas Burnap 28 Lot — The Twenty eighth Lot to Thomas Burnap, and is six acres more or less, and is bounded by the head of John Peirsons farm on the East, and by the Land of Timothy Wilele on the South, and by the land of Widow Dastin and Colston on the West, and by the land of Hennaniah Parker on the North.

Widow Dastin & Colston 29 Lot — The Twenty ninth Lot to the Widow Dastin and Colston and is five acres and a quarter more or less, and is bounded by the Land of Hennaniah Parker on the North, and by the land of Thomas Burnap on the East and by the land of Timothy Wilele on the South, and by the Land of Thomas Burnap on the West.

Thomas Burnap Jr 30 Lot — Thirtieth Lot to Thomas Burnap Jr and is six acres more or less, and is bounded by the Land of Hennaniah Parker on the North, and by the Land of Widow Dastin and Colston on the East, and by the land of Timothy Wiley on the South, and by the Land of Samuel Lamson on the West.

Pine Swamp Lands

Samuel Lamson 31 Lot

The Thirty first Lot to Samuel Lamson, and is four acres more or less, and is bounded by the Land of Hannaniah Parker on the North, and by the Land of Thomas Burnap on the East, and by the Land of Timothy Wiley on the South, and on the West.

Timothy Wiley 32nd Lot

The Thirty second Lot to Timothy Wiley, and is five acres and thirty poles, more or less, and is bounded by the Land of Hannaniah Parker on the North, and by the Land of Samuel Lamson on the East, and by the heads of the Lots of Samuel Lamson Widow Dastin and Colston and Thomas Burnap two lots on the North, and by the head of John Peirsons farm on the East, and by the Land of David Hartshorn on the South, and by the Land of Cornelius Brown on the west

David Hartshorn) 33 Lot

The Thirty third Lot to David Hartshorn, and is two acres and two thirds of an acre more or less, and is bounded by the Land of Timothy Wiley on the North, and by the Land of John Peirson on the East, and by the Land of Hannaniah Parker on the South, and by the Land of Cornelius Brown on the West.

Leuit Hannaniah) Parker 34 Lot

The Thirty fourth Lot to Hannaniah Parker, and is seven acres and a half more or less, and is bounded by the Land of David Hartshorn on the North, and by John Peirsons farm on the East, and by the Land of John Parker on the South, and by the land of Cornelius Brown on the West.

John Parker 35th Lot

The Thirty fifth Lot to John Parker Sen and is four acres and a half more or less, and is bounded by the land of Hannaniah Parker on the North, and by John Peirsons farm on the East, and by the Land of Cornelius Brown on the West, and by the Land of Francis Huchison on the South.

Francis Huchison

The Thirty six Lot to Francis Huchison and is four acres more or less, and is bounded by the Land of John Parker on the North, and by the Range line and John Peirsons farm on the East, and by the Land of Stephen Fish on the South, and by the Land of John Brown on the West.

Stephen Fish 37th Lot

The Thirty seventh Lot to Stephen Fish, and is one acre and a half more or less; and is bounded by the Land of Francis Huchison on the North, and by the Range line on the East, and by Joseph Davis on the South, and by the Land of John Brown on the West, and is bounded by a Birch tree on the North West corner.

John Bacheller Clerk

Bounds between Town Common & Proprietors

A Record of Bounds stated by a Committee chosen and impowered by the Town between the Town Common and proprietors, as followeth "viz" The bounds of the Meadow of Benjamin Fitch between the Swamp and Meadow, the first bounds two Maple trees at the North East corner of Benjamin Fitchs Meadow, and so a straight line to a pitch pine marked with B.F. and from said pine tree a straight line to a hemlock or fir tree marked with B.F. and with F. B. which is the South east corner of Benjamins Fitchs Meadow--

Bounds stated between Joseph Brown and the Town Common as followeth "viz" a straight line from the North east corner of Widow Dastins Meadow unto a Brush White Pine, marked with E.B. standing Eastward about eight or ten poles from the bound tree between said Brown and John Dunton

The Committee were
John Brown
Jeremiah Swayne
December 31st 1694 Hannaniah Parker
Thomas Bancroft

Highway in Pine Swamp

1695 Highways through pine Swamp

A Record of Highways laid out in the pine Swamp on the East side of the Highway that leads B Meadow according to Town Order "Viz" The Highway begins at Capt Browns Meadow on the North West corner of the Cedar Swamp, and so along by the West side of said Swamp, and from thence eastward to the Range line, and so along the West side of said Range line Southward untill it comes to the points of upland on the back side of the Old Cedar Swamp, and so along upon the upland through John Dix lot, and Deacon Fitche Lot untill it comes to Leiut Parkers first division Lot where the high (way) lieth, also from said Range line East ward between Cornelius Browns Lot and the Cedar Swamp, untill (it) comes to the way that comes out of Cedar Swamp, between the second and third Range and so through John Duntons Lot to Maj Russells farm

And also a Highway from the great Island over to the upland on the North side of the Swamp, by the head of Joseph Davis Lot, and Stephen Fishs and Francis Hinchisons Lots--

And also a Highway from Timber Neck over to the upland on the North side of the Swamp, on the East side of the Range line over the West ends of William Arnold and Nicholas Rice's Lots--

And also a Highway from the great Island Bridge along by Cornelius Browns first division lot on the East side of said Lot, and from thence by Leiu Parkers land to a Maple tree with T.W. upon it, and from said Maple Tree across the heads of the Lots to Leiu Peirsons tree--

As Attest (John Bacheller Layer out and Clerk
(Joseph Burnap Layrout

Gifts of Town Lands

At a General Town Meeting held upon the fourth of March 1694/5

There was then given to Richard Sutton Six acres of swamp lying by John Pools farm, and is bounded as followeth "viz" By the Range line on the head of Abraham Briants and John Parkers and Samuel Dammans Lots on the West, and by the Lot of Timothy Hartshorn Northerly and by John Pools farm Easterly and Southerly, and is bounded by a pine tree on the North West corner marked with R.S. and with T.H. and on the Easterly corner by an Ash Tree marked with R. S. and with T. H. and on the Southerly corner an Elm tree marked with R. S.---

At a General Town Meeting held upon the fourth of March 1694-5,

There was then given to Timothy Hartshorn the remainder of Swamp which was left after Richard Suttons Lot was laid out which is three acres, and is bounded as followeth "Viz" by the Range line Westerly and by John Peirsons farm Notherly and by John Pools farm Easterly, and by the Land of Richard Sutton Southerly, and is bounded by a stake on the Northerly corner marked with T. H. and with E. P. and with R. and on the Easterly corner with a stump and stones and a stake in it, and on the Southerly corner with an Ash tree marked with T. H. and with R. S. and with a pine tree on the Westerly corner marked with T. H. and with R. S.---

Bounds of Land Stated

The Bounds of the Lands of Nathaniel Parker of the first and second Division of Common Rights "Viz" the Land at the west and East side between the Highway and the west and east end of his home stead and the Land between the Highway and the North side of Lilleys lot, the Remainder of said division lying between the Lands of Thomas Nichols and Samuel Damon, Westerly bounded by the Land of Mr Jeremy Swaynes and commonly Called Swaynes hole and Tarbridge hill Easterly partly bounded upon Herberts and Hoopers Meadow--

The Land of Robert Ken given him by James Like senior being six acres butted and bounded as followeth, bounded on the west by the Land of Jeremiah Swayne South by the Town Highway, Easterly by Nathaniel Butler Northerly by James Like Senior-- (Deed granted 8 September 1694--acknoweledged Aug 31st 1698)

The bounds of the Rubbish Meadow granted to Lieu John Smith in the year of our Lord 1663 - next his cove of Meadow at bear Meadow near the Highway that goes to Lobs pound, "viz" Westerly by said cove, Southerly, Easterly, and Northerly by the second division Lots of Common Rights, laid out to James Boutwell, Capt John Brown and David Bacheller--

as Attests Jno. Brown, Layer out

Thomas Harts first division Lot of common Rights bounded Easterly by John Herbert, Northerly, Westerly, and Southerly by the Swamp--

August 16th 1700--

A setling and stating the bounds between Mr Thomas Nichols his Ash Swamp Lots and the Town Common by the Layers out of said Swamp and the Selectmen, and is as followeth, begining at John Wessons S. E. Corner and so Southerly to a heap of stones near the end of an Island of upland and from thence Southerly to another heap of stones and so to a Swamp White Oak extending the same line to the Pond

Attest John Herbert Clerk

Encroachments on Common Lands

Pursuant to a Town order bearing date March 4th 1699 impowering the Selectmen to settle bounds between the Town and proprietors in and about the Town;

Some of the Selectmen with the layers out on the 16th of August 1700 settled bounds between the Town bounds and Sert Thomas Nichols his Ash Swamp Lot at the Pond head as will appear by the Record above said. Also veiwing the way from the pond head to Deacon Benjamin Fitch's, we found an encroachment by John Dix upon the Town Land, which he has several times promised to amend but is not yet done.

The 17th of said month a committee of the Selectmen settled bounds between the Town Land and Thomas Hodgmans Land; the N. E. corner bounded by the end of a stone wall formerly made between said Hodgman and the Land formerly called Harts Land, or the Land bought of John Winburne the line runs Southerly from said corner to a heap of stones lying upon Benjamin Burnaps side line; the bounds of Thomas Hodgmans House Lot that they bought of the Town is as followeth; the N. E. corner being a heap of stones by Thomas Boutwells Meadow, and so runs Southerly to a heap of stones being the South corner, and from thence Westerly upon a straight line to a heap of stones being the S. W. corner, dividing between the Highway and said Hodgmans Land, and from said corner Northerly to Boutwells Meadow; from Thomas Boutwells Meadow by the Bridge right across to said Boutwell Bounds six Rods broad, and a little farther Westerly Thomas Boutwells Meadow is bounded again by a heap of stones, and so across the Common again to his Father Boutwells bound tree seven Rods over, there is another heap of stones a little farther westerly which is another bound to Thomas Boutwells Meadow, and from that heap across the common to his Father Boutwells fence seven Rods broad, and from the last heap of stones mentioned to the corner which is distant about two Rod, ten feet there is another heap of stones, and from thence across the Common to John Goodwins corner is eight rods from the Rock upon the Knoll to John Goodwins fence across the way five rods ten feet broad, and eighteen rods further up street seven rods nine feet broad, and eighteen rods further up street against John Goodwins Leanto seven poles and one foot Broad, and about thirteen rods further up the street at a corner by James Boutwells well the street is six rods broad, and fourteen rods further up at James Boutwell North West corner across the street is seven rods three feet, and from John Dickersons Gate Post across the street is seven rods and a half broad, and eight rod further against Sert Briants corner Bounds across the street four rods broad, against Sert John Nichols gate across the Street five rods and a half broad, against Sert John Nichols his shop across the street four rods twelve feet and so likewise at his Barn; the breadth at Sert John Nichols partition fence between his orchard and pasture across the street is five rods and a half; from Sert Briants corner post of his garden across the street is five rods and eleven feet broad; from Sert Briants Barn across the street is seven rods five feet broad; from St. John Nichols his bound tree being a black Oak across the street eight rods and six feet; from St John Nichols fence by the Highway going to the Meadow in the Swamp across

Encroachments on Common Lands

(Continued)

the Highway ten rods wanting two feet; by Samuel Hitchs his corner turning down to bare hill Brook across the street seven rods ten feet. Sert John Nichols bar at the head of his Lot within his fence twenty three rods of the Townsland or perpetuated Common, about two rods from Thomas Barons S. W. Corner we marked a tree with the letter R being a young walnut which is the bound between him and the common, and about three rods to the Southward another bush with heaps of stones about them, and there is another Walnut tree to the Southward of his lane which goes to his house, marked, which parts him from the common; the breath of the common between Joshua Eatons and Jonathan Eatons two rods six feet broad; the common from Hoopers corner to Kendall Parkers corner of his half acre where his barn stood, is nine rods thirteen feet; from Kendall Parkers Southernmost corner of his half acre to his fence across the common Twenty seven rods and eleven feet-, from the Easternmost corner of Hoopers Land to the South Easterly corner of Parkers Land the breadth (is) nine poles and eleven feet being the head of the Common in that part; and from Hoopers fence to an Apple tree in Parkers Garden twelve rods thirteen feet, and across to the half acre nine rods ten feet, from the corner before Kendall Parkers well across the Common to the draw bars on the other side the common twenty five rods ten feet; and the narrowest place across the Common Eleven rods; from John Browns S. W. corner across the Common to Seabred Taylors twenty two rods; from the division fence between John Brown and Wm Cowdrey across the common to Joshua Eatons Orchard fourteen rods broad; from the next corner of William Cowdreys Land across the common four rods five feet; by William Cowdreys Barn across the common four rods five feet; from John Browns fence near the East end of Cowdreys Barn across the Common Seven rods broad; from the partition fence between John Brown and John Goodwin across the Common seven rods fourteen feet broad; from John Goodwins S. E. corner of his stone Wall across the Common to Sert Boutwells fence is twelve rods broad; from John Herberts corner of his stone wall across the street to Benjamin Burnaps gate is eight rods broad, from his Barn across the street is seven rods, from said Herberts bars across the street to Mr Peirponts across the street six rods five feet; from John Herberts S. W. corner across the street six rods two feet; from the corner of Cowdreys Orchard across the street three rods three feet; and across the street to the Mill two rods seven feet; and from Cowdreys Orchard across the Road to Duntons Meadow is two rods ten feet--

Boundary Line between Reading & Andover

we whose names are under written being chosen by the Selectmen of Reading and Andover to renew the bounds betwixt the said Towns of Reading and Andover, did meet at the time and place appointed, and did Run, Renew, and settle the line betwixt said Towns in manner following; that is to say, beginning at the most westerly part, namely at the old mark at the Woburn line and so went upon an easterly course to a heap of stones; from thence to a great pitch pine dated (1701) and marked with R. A. and so to a pine the body leaning something to the North then to a little pine tree and then to a great pine tree marked with R. A. and so to a pine tree near to the head of Martins Pond, and so to a twin Maple being the bounds of Ensign Ballards Meadow marked with B. and so to a great twin Maple marked with R. A. and so to a great Maple marked with R. A. and so to a great white Oak tree called Water Million tree on the East side of the Swamp marked R. A. and so to a Pine tree on a hill marked R. A. and so to two spruce pine trees standing in a little slip of Swamp marked with R. A. and so to a pine tree marked R. A. then to a pine on the South side of a little hill marked R. A. and then to a great pine on the west side of Fryes Meadow marked with R. A. from thence to a Bushy white Oak on the East side of said Fryes Meadow marked R. A. and so to a white Oak, and so to a great pine tree marked R. A. from that to the great Rock by the way, and now called Parley Rock, from thence to a great white Oak tree marked, so to a tree marked on the East side of Osgoods Meadow; a White Oak at the point of a ledge of Rock on a great hill then to a white Oak marked, then to a white Oak marked upon a flat hill with R. A. then to the Red Oak tree with an heap of stones about it and a white Oak standing neaf to said Oak; then to a great White Oak by a Ridge of an hill marked with R and the other with A. then to a Rock with an heap of stones upon it by a little Walnut Bush and a little Black Oak, so to a great Red Oak marked, from thence to a small Red Oak and so to a Black Oak upon the edge of an hill and ledge of Rock marked with R. A. and so to a black and two Rocks at the Root of it; and so to a Red Oak in a Rocky Valley about one hundred poles from the spruce pine marked with R. A. which said great spruce pine is also called Fullers tree and is the extent of our bounds with Andover; hereto we have Enterchangably set to our hands;

Dated in Reading September 12th 1701

For Reading	For Andover
John Brown	Joseph Ballard
Jeremiah Swayne	John Abbot
Thomas Nichols	George Abbot
Joseph Burnap	

This is a True copy out of the Original
per Jno Herbert Town Clerk

Laying out lots on the north side of Ipswich River

At a general Town Meeting held by the Town of Reading on the third day of February 1661 there was chosen "viz" Lieu William Cowdrey Capt John Smith, Capt Jonathan Pool and Capt John Brown, as layers out, to lay out the great Lots in Reading, on the North side of the River called Ipswich River, which was done by all the above named. we the subscribers being the only survivors of the said layers out being desired by the Selectmen of said Reading to give our information and knowledge of the manner of our laying out said tract of Land which is as followeth:

We began to lay out by said Towns order at a place that was called Andover Highway, Lieu William Cowdrey lot was the first and so to lay out Eastward while the Land Eastward was laid out; and then we began again at the said place and left sixteen poles wide of Land from the River to Andover line for the Town; between said Deacon Cowdreys lot and William Leakins lot which was the first lot in order in our laying Westward, and then we laid Westward while we had finished our work in laying out said tract of Land; and the Lots by order were laid in one Range; the Lines were near North and South, and the lots being long, the way we laid the sd lots out was thus; we knowing by former measure the length of said lots, we began as above said and measured both ends and the middle of every mans lot, and made bounds so at both ends and the middle which six bounds to each lot was all the bounds that we made; and the said six bounds are to be and remain for the just bounds of the said lots, whether the middle bounds stand in a line with the end bounds or not;

And this is a true account and return thereof as
Attest John Smith) Layers)
John Brown) out)

Reading October 21st 1704

The Gent the subscribers of the premises above singed have made their return and to satisfaction of us the Selectmen as Attest
(Jno Herbert
(Thomas Bancroft
(Benjamin Swayne
(Thomas Boutall

And we the Selectmen order the Town Clerk to enter the same in the Town Records

This is a True Copy out of the Original
per John Herbert Town Clerk

Town Highway to Woburn Line

Reading Febuary 24th 1706/7

We the subscribers being by the Selectmen of Reading appointed to lay out a Town Highway, from the Highway that lieth from the long hill up to the hundred acres, across to Woburn Township line, which this day we have done, we began at a Red Oak at the Northerly end of the barn that was John Vintons and it runs Southerly on the west end of Henry Nichols lot about seven poles, and then runs Westerly by a small white oak and crosses Thomas Taylor, John Merrow, John Tarson Thomas Hodgman and Timothy Wiley which said Wileys lot was laid by Woburn line above said (way) and we slipt several trees on the Northerly side of said way and set ciphers on them and the way is to lie two poles wide on the Southerly side of said marked trees; in witness of the same we have hereunto set our hands

Nathaniel Parker
Joseph Burnap

This is a True Copy entered March the 1st 1707
per John Herbert Town Clerk

Reading the 19th of Febuary 1707/8

We the subscribers being appointed by the Selectmen of said Reading to perambulate on the Town of Readings part, with Sergent George Flint who is proprietor on both sides of the Towns land that is called the sixteen pole way that was laid out from Andover Old Bridge, a place so called in said Reading between the lot that was Deacon William Cowdreys that said flint lives on and the lot that was William Laukins that said Flint bought of Deacon Fitch and on the 21st day of April 1707 when by warning given to said Flint he did meet with us on said place, and on the Westerly side of the way at the Southerly end, we began at a great Black Oak fairly marked, and on the same side of said way we found at the middle a pine tree at the top of a Rocky hill that had been an old mark on the West side of the tree, and we could disern part of a W and an L and the number 17 marked thus ℕ 11, then we went unto the North end, and on the said West side of said way we found a White Oak tree fairly marked, then we measured sixteen poles Eastward from the last said tree, and in an Old stump of a tree we made a heap of stones and set up a stake at the sixteen pole end, and then on the West side of the sixteen poles we run down to the middle mark and marked several trees and then we run again from the middle mark to the Southerly part of said Flints further Orchard, and said Flint was present with us.

Thomas Nichols
Timothy Wiley)
Joseph Burnap)

Stating bounds of Proprietors Lands and Highways

Reading 25th of April 1707

We the subscribers being appointed by the Selectmen of said Reading to perambulate between the Town Highway and Samuel Merrows homestead or house lot, and said Merrow being warned met with us at the said place, and we began between Daniel Welchs and said Merrow, there being present Mr Jeremiah Swayne, Capt John Brown, Lieu Hezekiah Parker and Capt Thomas Bancroft who was at the stating of the northerly part of said way between the proprietors on both sides of said way, the said Gent being impowered on that former service on the Towns part, and they informed us that said Merrows Land was rel in out since the stating of said way, the first bounds being all that of said Land that is said Merrows; the said Gent also showed us a heap of stones that they made for the Westerly side of the said way, being about two poles west from the South west corner of Sert Henry Welch's home lot, then we set a stake about twelve feet Westward of a great dead Oak tree on a little hill, and from said stake to another stake that we set also on the West side of said way against Daniel Welch's Barn, then at the West end of said Merrows lot, we were also informed that said Merrow was to leave two rods between Josiah Hodgmans fence and said Merrows Land and that is Northward of said Hodgmans House, and then a straight line from thence to a crooked White Oak that was the South west corner of said Merrows Land, and then for the Highway that was on the Southerly side of said Merrows Land, said Samuel Merrow did desire that it might be laid across the Southerly corner of said Merrows Land as it is now improved over a Bridge that is now made there, and from said Bridge to a Twin White Oak straight to Sert John Nichols's Land, and then on the South Easterly side of said Merrows Land between said Merrows and Nichols's Land said John Nichols Senior being present with us when we stated these ways

Timothy Wiley)
Joseph Burnap)

Grant of Two Miles of Land to Reading

At the second Session of the General Court of Elections held at Boston the fourteenth of October 1651--

In answer to the petition of the inhabitants of the Town of Reading Craving the addition of two Miles or there abouts of land adjoining to their bounds of four Miles, and lying between Mr Bellingham's Farm and the great River; the Court grants the petitioners request so as it hath not been already granted to any Town or person nor pejudishing any former grant to any

A True copy as appears of Record Examined

Jsa Addington Secy

At a general Court of Election held at Boston 23rd of May 1666---whereas the Honble General Court having formerly granted to the Town of Reading a Tract of Land of two Miles, lying between their their grant of four Miles and Mr Bellinghams Farm and the great River; and also Ordered them to have it laid out some time before this Court sat; at the request of the Town that this Plot of Land is laid out and returned Butted and Bounded as followeth: Running from a pine tree at A, north by the compass Six hundred rods, joins to the Town of Reading land unto B. to the top of a Rocky hill, and from B. East two hundred Sixty eight rods to an Oak tree at C. marked R. B. and joins to Andover land; and from C. South South East 8 degr 30" to East five hundred Seventy Six rods; this line joins upon the Governours Farm to a Black Oak tree at D. marked R. B. and this line joins upon Mr. Bellinghams Farm. The fourth line runs from D. S. B. E. two hundred thirty six rods to a Walnut tree at E. and joins also on Mr Bellinghams Farm; the fifth line from E South East and by South two hundred and four rods to a Black Oak in Salem line at F. which line joins upon the Farm of Thomas Fuller. The Sixth line runs from F. West South West 2 degrees South four hundred and twenty rods to a Black Oak at G. the which line is Salem bounds, the Seventh line runs from G. West and by North 7 degrees Northerly five hundred Sixty eight rods to a pine tree at A. along the River side;

per me Elisha Hutchinson

The Court allows of this return provided it Encroach not on any former grant

A True Copy as appears of Record Examined

Per Jsa Addington Secy

Exchange of Lands

Reading March the 13th 1712/13

We the subscribers being chosen a committee by the Town for to measure and set out to Kendall Parker a peice of the Town Land behind his said Kendall Parkers House; and so to set off to the Town in order to an exchange land for it at the South West corner of that which was William Hoopers lot, which we did; The Towns Land which we measured was one acre and a half; and we began on the North side of Kendall Parkers Barn yard about a pole from the North West corner of said yard, and runs North Easterly to said Hoopers fence, and so Easterly of that line is the Land that said Kendall Parker is to have of the Town, and then we extended said line into the Land that was William Hoopers about twelve poles to a heap of stones and a stake; and then we turned a little to the North of the West and run to a little Walnut tree and so to the common, and in this that the Town is to have there is one acre and ninety poles; and this to ly to the Town so long as said Parker enjoyeth the other, if the Town see good to confirm it; and said Parker to enjoy the acre and a half so long as the other one acre and ninety poles lyeth to the common

Reading April the 10th day 1713) Joseph Burnap) John Goodwin) Committee Thomas Bancroft)

Entered upon Record per me
Francis Smith Town Clerk

This return above said was accepted and voted for upon a General Town Meeting held upon March 17th 1713--

Exchange of Lands

Reading March 13th day 1712/13

We the subscribers being chosen a committee by the Town to measure the Towns Land or Highway between John Nichols land and Thomas Eatons, that he bought of John Felch near Nathaniel Goodwins; and we measured the way between them, and it was seventy six poles and on half long, which makes a hundred & fifty three poles of Land, which we divided one third to John Nichols thus John Nichols hath the whole breadth of the way at that end next to Dr Feltchs and so runs angular of said way to the Maple tree between John Parkers and said Nichols; and for the Town we laid off from said Nichols fifty one poles between said Nichols Barn and Doct Feltchs, and said Nichols agreeth to let the way lay where it is now from Doct Feltchs up to Samuel Morrows land by said Nichols house, if the Town confirm the other--

The other hundred and two poles is for Thomas Eaton, and we layed off from Eaton to the Town , Sixty poles at the North end of said Eatchs lot between John Nichols Barn and Doct Feltchs Orchard, and thirty Poles at the East end as it is bounded out, and for the remainder the said Thomas Eaton is to allow four feet to the breadth of the way, all along the South West side of the way between the North and Easterly ends where we set off to the Town, so that all along between said places that are set off, the way is to be two poles and four feet wide, and the Land above mentioned set off to the Town is bounded by trees marked and heaps of stones, and the said Nichols and Eaton are to have the Wood, off the land that was theirs, and the Town to have the wood on the Highway that was changed, if the Town see reason to confirm it, and we think it may be advantageous to the Town, and the proprietors of the land both--

Joseph Burnap)
John Goodwin) Committee
Thomas Bancroft)

This return above said was accepted and voted for upon a general Town Meeting held upon March 17th 1713

Entered upon Record April 10th 1713 per me
Francis Smith Town Clerk

Highway at Lobs Pound Mill

Reading June 16th 1713--

We the after named proprietors and owners of a Saw Mill and Dam at a place called Lobs pound in Reading, and over a River called Ipswich River, We upon the Towns desire, and in our goodwill to the Towns Highway over said River, do for our selves and for our heirs, Covenant, promise and agree, upon the conditions and for so long a time, as shall be hereafter mentioned, that is the Town shall use and improve their Highway over our dam above mentioned, for their accommodation for Carting, Horse, and foot, and that the Town shall not from hence be obliged or exposed to repair any part of said dam for the use of the said Mill.

Further we the proprietors above said will with all conveinant speed repair the present breach, and that at our own cost and charge, and that where the present Breach is we will erect a Sluice, which shall be in strength and proportion, as well to accommodate the Towns Highway as for our own use. And we the proprietors above said will at our own cost and charge maintain, not only the whole dam for our use, but sufficient for the Towns use as a Highway for Carting etc from the North side of the afore mentioned Sluice to the Southernmost part of our dam, Sleepers and covering to said Sluice only exempted

Further we promise that Northerly above the flume of said Mill Ranging with the Mill as it now stands, we will wharf and make sufficient for a Cart way before the said Mill flume, that is, up stream, Northerly to the upland as beets accommodates for Carting.

Further we promise that if there should happen any Breach in the above mentioned dam, which shalld be to the damage of the Highway, as well as to our damage, we will with all conveinant speed repair the same, as well with respect to the Highway, as for our own use,--

All which we for ourselves and for our heirs promise, upon the condition, that the Town do from the North side of the aforesaid great sluice, to the North side of the said Mill flume, Ranging Northerly with and joining to the above mentioned wharfed part of Highway made by the proprietors; and that the Town do make and maintain that part thereof fronting the Saw Mill flume a hollow Bridge, and the other part as shall best accommodate the Towns Highway; and the Town find Sleepers and covering for the Sluice.

All which we the proprietors above said promise and engage and that for so long a time as the Town shall improve the same for a Highway, if we the proprietors shall as long improve the same for a Saw Mill, or any such like uses.

And we the proprietors abovesaid do further agree and promise that when we shall no longer improve said Mill or dam for a Saw Mill or such like uses, that then what remains in said Dam of Timber stones or gravel, shall be to the Towns use, so far as shall accommodate the Towns Highway over said Dam--

Highway at Lobs Pound Mill

(Continued)

All the above was accepted of and voted; upon a general Town Meeting June 24th day 1713--

Attest Francis Smith Town Clerk

Sale of Range Ways

At a General Town Meeting in Reading March the 7th day 1714/15 held by the Freeholders and other Inhabitants qualified as the Law directs regularly assembled; being the Annual Meeting.

There being a Report brought to the Town of Reading at said Meeting, that there was several Range ways, and some ways across the Ranges that were not of any use to the Town, nor like to be; The Town did then choose us the subscribers to go and veiw several Highways, and treat with them they adjoined on, about the price of them, and make Report at (the) May Meeting following; which we did.

And the Highways as they are Recorded and not used, that we reported might be sold, and the Town not damaged, was a Range way from Josiah Hodgmans to Parly Meadow hill; and a cross way between Peirson Richardsons land, and that was Benjamin Hartshorns and Widow Cutlers that was William Arnolds. And another cross way Between Thomas Bancrofts and John Parkers Deceased, now in John Parkers improvement; and at the head of the Swamp a way between Edward Taylors and Thomas Burnaps now both John Pratts. The Town voted to sell the said lands at four pounds, fifteen shillings per acre; and then the Town did by a general voice desire us the subscribers to stand a committee for to sell said ways and also to take the Money for them to pay towards the new Bell. And also the Town voted to sell the Range way from Parkers Saw-pit, to Widow Briants lowest corner of her orchard, to the persons adjoining, and at the above said price, for the ends above said; this last said way the Town did make an essay to sell about six years ago, and chose Capt Nichols and Ens John Wesson to sell the same, but they having not done it, the Town voted to sell it to the Persons adjoining for the price above said.

And we sold to Sert Thomas Pool, between that which was William Arnolds and his said Pools house lot, one hundred and five poles and for it received of said Pool 6^{l} - 4^{s} - 8^{d} -- Then between Pool aforesaid and Joseph Feltchs, we sold to said Joseph Feltch the whole way against his lot for which we received of said Feltch nine shillings eleven pence. Then we sold the way between Doct Feltchs Wood land, and Thomas Pools land to Samuel Feltch, and received for it nineteen shillings and ten pence, and this land sold to Samuel Feltch we would not have sold to him, but that we had reason to beleive that Doct Feltch impowered Samuel Feltch to buy it for him said Doct Feltch.

The next way betwen Nathaniel Goodwins and said Pool we exchanged with said Goodwin for forty eight poles between said Pools and his lot for 58 or 60 poles at the North East corner of his land by Kendall Goodwins House.

The next between said Goodwins land and Widow Briants land, and between Doct Feltchs land and said Briant, so far as the fence across the Highway at the South West corner of the Widow Briants Orchard; we sold unto the said Widow Briant, for which we received of said Widow Briant, one pound, ten shillings, and so much is the Range way from Parkers Saw pit unto the South west corner of the Widow Briants Orchard.

Sale of the Range Ways

(Continued)

Then the Range way from Josiah Hodgmans to Parly Meadow hill, we sold between Joseph Damons and the Goodwin land, all to said Joseph Damon and received for it three pounds nine shillings & six pence; then we reserved four poles in the Range Way (that makes eight poles of land) between the two cross ways for the Townes use.

Then we sold unto Ens John Wesson one pole wide at the West end of that which was Samuel Fitchs lot, and also a pole wide the breadth of that which was Joseph Brownes lot, and so joins the said lots together, for which we received of said Ensign Wesson one pound thirteen shillings.

Then we sold unto John Parker the cross way that is Recorded between John Parker and Thomas Bancroft, and a pole wide for half the Range way at the West end of the lots in his home stead, for which land we received of John Parker eight pounds 14 shillings.

Then we sold unto Josiah Hodgman and his Son Thomas, one half of the Range way at the West end of their lot and Orchard, on the Southward of the Highway before their house, for which we received of them two pounds 5 shillings.

Then we sold unto Stephen Wesson at the East end of his homestead lot, half the Range way for which we received of said Wesson one pound 18 shillings and six pence.

Then we sold unto the Widow Cutler the cross way that is Recorded between Benjamin Hartshorn and William Arnolds, for which we have received of the Widow Cutler Seven pounds, and if the said Widow Cutler pay thirteen shillings more, she is to have half the Range way at the East end of the lot she dwells on. May 14th 1716 the Widow Cutler paid the thirteen shillings.

Then we sold to Peirson Richardson half the Range way at the East end of Benjamin Hartshorns lot (now the said Richardson possesseth the said lot and we received of said Richardson ten shillings one penny.

Then we sold to Joseph Rice, half the Range way at the East end of his lot that he lives on, for which we received of said Rice one pound six shillings, and this is the way that is recorded from Josiah Hodgmans to Parly Meadow hill.

Then we sold unto John Pratt a way as it is recorded, between Thomas Burnaps lot and Edward Taylors, at the head of the Swamp so called, as the Town voted to sell to him for which we received of said Pratt three pounds 7 shillings and six pence--

Thomas Nichols)
Jonathan Pool) Committee
Joseph Burnap)

Sale of the Range Ways

(Continued)

This return of the Committee about the sale of Range ways was read to the Town, upon a general Town Meeting March 5 day 1715/16 and accepted & confirmed by a general vote

This is a true copy out of the original return of the committee, entered upon Record March 20th 1716
per me Francis Smith Town Clerk

Grant of Meadow Land

Grant of Meadow to Jeremiah Swayne

Reading the 12th of March 1716/17

We the subscribers being chosen by the Town of Reading at a general Town Meeting held March the 5th 1716 - To lay out a peice of Meadow Land granted to Maj Jeremiah Swayne at a Town Meeting held in Reading Feby 1st 1691/2 as in and by said grant may appear We did on the Twelfth of March first above written, meet at the place said Meadow was granted to be laid; and we began at a White Pine tree, that was a mark between Serrgant Feltchs upland lot, and Ens Goodwins Pine Swamp lot, We run Northerly (by that which is called Capt Smiths grant on the East) to the upland Called Harts lot, and marked a small ash tree; Then along by the upland to a Birch tree marked at the South West corner of said Harts lot; and then a straight line South Westerly to a bunch of small Maples marked standing at the Easterly corner of an Island, in that which was Thomas Parkers Second division lot of upland; and from thence to a Black Oak that is now down, that was a mark between said Feltch and said Parker; and then another line to the White pine first mentioned; and this contains three acres according to said grant.

Joseph Burnap)
Thomas Bancroft) Committee
Samuel Lillie)

This is a True Copy out of the Committees Returns, entered upon Record May 1717

per me Francis Smith Town Clerk

Town Way to Woburn Line

Reading May the 30th 1717

At a Town Meeting held May the 21st the Inhabitants on the West side of the Town, the Row to the hundred acres, did request the Town to have an open way from the Road by Mathew Grovers through his land to Woburn line, it being about twelve or thirteen poles. The Town did so far concede with it as to appoint us the subscribers to agree with Mathew Grover, and to exchange with him some of the Towns Swamp land adjoining to the said Grovers land, for this way; We have agreed with him that he should have a small slip of Swamp contained within two bounds. And first Southerly at a Swamp Oak marked, which was an old bound mark of his lot, and from thence to a young Maple, and so straight to his upland; which piece of swamp, we do suppose may contain near three quarters of an acre; this we do suppose to be a reasonable recompence for a two pole way.

Thomas Bancroft)
Stephen Wesson)

This is a True Copy out of the Committees return and was read to the Town Meeting May 31st 1717 and voted acceptance

Attest Francis Smith, Town Clerk

Recorded June 3rd 1717

per Francis Smith, Town Clerk

Settling of Town Highways

The Town of Reading, considering the circumstances of their ways looking what was returned about them, and finding in one of the said Towns Books, a return of land for Highways, returned by Mr John Brown who was chosen to lay out to every man his lot of Land (but not to lay out ways) in the first and second division in Town Rights (so called) and entered by Leut Hannaniah Parker, who was not then Town Clerk; and as the return being done private as to the Towns knowing of it, and some of the places so returned, in such ground, that to make Ways to pass there must be several hundred of poles made causeways, and some places such Hills that there is notpassing; and some of those Ways needless, there being conveinant open High Roads at the other ends of their Lots, and several places where there should be only liberty of passing, for the improving of old proprieties but no need of an open Way to them. And because they were not brought to the Town they were never yet settled and allowed by the Town. Therefore, At a general Town Meeting held on the 13th of May 1717 "Voted" That Capt Pool, Capt Burnap, Ens Goodwin, Leut Thomas Briant, and Mr Thomas Bancroft, shall be a committee to go and veiw the land for ways in the first and second division of the Town Rights laid out by Capt Brown and make report to the Town at the next Town Meeting in order to their being allowed and settled.

And we the above said Committee, have veiwed and considered the necessity and circumstance of the above said Ways; and do make Report to the Town of the same as followeth, that if the Town of Reading please to settle and allow The Old Highway from Parkers Sawpit to Doct Feltchs--The Highway from Mr Joshua Eatons to Rock Pond--A two pole Highway between Charlestown Land and the lots of Jeremiah Pike and Nathaniel Goodwin left now for the Towns order afterwards but not an open Way yet, That part of the Land left between Woburn line and Joseph Damons Land, to be ordered as the Town shall see reason, but no need of a Way there; but a Way between Woburn line and lots of Joseph Brown, Nicholas Rice and Davis, John Brown Sen and Benjm Hartshorn should be allowed--and then up to Widow Cutlers Stephen Wessons and so to Daniel Merrows South West corner, and from said Wessons to Josiah Hodgmans, and then down to Doct Feltchs as it is now used--by Francis Smiths land sold to Henry Merrow, deceased,--Then a Way between the lots of Mathew Edwards and James Stimson out of Parkers Sawpit Way to the Range line Westward-- Then a Range Way to Kendalls Meadow, and round said Meadow on the West side, and so out to Charlestown land as improved-- Then the Way between Ens Wessons and Joseph Fitchs land as now used-- and between Samuel Fitch and Ralph Dix-- and by Joseph Damons to Woburn line, as the Town exchanged or accepted in exchange with said Damon-- Then before Thomas Pools House between said Pools land and the Swamp lots of Mr Joshua Eaton, Thomas Eaton, and Josiah Hodgman, not an open Way but, a liberty for them, their heirs, and assigns, to fetch off their hay for ever-- And new Bridge Way up to James Nichols and so by Ensign Parkers and Samuel Lamsons and Jonases Bridge as it (was) formerly used-- Then for a Way between the Swamp lots and the upland lots out of new Bridge Way between that which was Mr Timothy Wileys and the Swamp lots, and so

Settling of Town Highways

crooking round to the North side of Buck neck-- and that Way from the West end of Joseph Browns Swamp between Robert Burnaps and John Eatons Jr to new Bridge Way, not to be an open Way, but liberty for the proprietors of the Swamp lots to pass and repass for ever to improve their Swamp lots, and Dea Boutell and James Nichols their heirs etc to improve their Wood Land-- A two pole Way between the lots of Henry Merrow and Thomas Damon we leave not an open Way, but to the Towns ordering-- Then Ways in that tract of Land from Lowes Meadow to Mathews Bridge and hundred acres Bridge, the Road from John Boutells Sen up to both said Bridges as now in use, with a two pole way to the head of Lowes Meadow and through Sert Henry Feltchs lot and others, and with the Liberty of the proprietors of hundred acres, Reaver and Dirty Bridge Meadows, for improvement of their Meadows to pass and repass for ever--

Then in the great tract of Land, between the great Swamp South, and hundred acres North, Bare Meadow and Cedar Swamp East, and West Reaver and old proprieties (these Ways) first the Way from Samuel Damons Jr did live, as it is now in use by Jonathan Parkers, Ebenezer Demons, James Nichols, and into Lobs pound Way at Nathaniel Bachellors and from Ens Nathaniel Parkers by Nathaniel Cutlers Deceased to Jeremiah Swaynes up to Samuel Lillies, Joseph Eatons (which was John Eatons of the plain) and so up to Reaver, and hundred acres-- and from said Joseph Eatons to Richard Nichols and so up to Walkers Ford alias Benjamin Davis ford, and out of the last said Way near to Hodgmans Meadow, and North of that which was called Wessons Sledge a two pole way into Lobs pound Way-- Then from or out of the Sledge Way near Mr Herberts Meadow head through Capt John Browns lot, to the Way near Joseph Eatons between the Lots of "viz" Southerly Benjamin Fitch, John Woodward, John Burnap (and the) Ministerial lot, Northerly Dea Wm Cowdry, John Parker, Widow Dastin, Adam Colston, Mr Thomas Burnap, John Eaton Sen, Nathaniel Cowdry, Capt Jonathan Pool-- Then on the North side of Thomas Hodgmans Swamp at Stir Bridge, not an open Way, but liberty for said Hodgman the heirs of Capt Herbert lot, Harts and other Proprietors that Way to pass and repass over Samuel Lillies land that was Capt Herberts and Harts for the improvement of their proprieties for ever. And a two pole Way from the Common land at Tearbrich Hill, to Jonathan Parkers, on the North side of that which was Abraham Briants, this is that way that Ens Nathaniel had leave to fence in for a time,-- Then also from Mr Herberts Meadow head Eastward through Capt Savages then between the lots of, Northerly- Capt Thomas Nichols, David Hartshorn, John Bacheller, Jonas Eaton into bare Meadow Way- Southerly Cornelius Brown, Josiah Brown, David Bacheller, Thomas Burnap, Edward Taylor and Samuel Lampson-- and out of said Way a Way between Capt Savage and Samuel Lampsons to Mr Herberts Meadow, not an open Way, only liberty of passing and repassing, to improve said Meadow or the Swamp by it-- and also the way as it is now in use as it goeth through the Islands and so to the Old Cedar Swamp and great Swamp, and also up to Dastins Bridge, up to Bare Meadow Tatmans & Hoopers Meadow and Kendalls Meadow--and other proprietors of said Bare Meadow have liberty to improve their Meadows, but not an open way by Bare Meadow side, Then from said Dastins Bridge as it is used up to Lobs pound, and there may be

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three Range ways from Bare Meadow Homeward, the first to begin at Bare Meadow between John Eatons Sen and Leut Hannaniah Parker-- The second to begin at Bare Meadow between John Eaton Sen and Jonas Eaton-- The third to begin at Benjamin Davis Meadow between James Boutell Sen Deceased and Isaac Harts lot, so these three Come-- Homewards or Southwards-- but they being not used yet, and but little land improved by them-- and to lay between the Ranges of lots will go across several wide Meadows & Swamps, and over several steep and Rocky hills, we leave them for the Town to order afterwards,

And all such necessary Ways to any former proprieties in the said tract of Land, as the forementioned Ways do not accommodate are hereby intended and included if not mentioned, to all and every proprietie and proprietor, that no old proprietor or owner of newer lots may be hindered of the improvement thereof--

Jonathan Pool)
Joseph Burnap)
John Goodwin)Committee
Thomas Briant)
Thomas Bancroft)

This return of the committee about the settling of Town Highways, was read to the Town upon a Town Meeting held at Reading May 21st 1717, and was allowed and confirmed by a general vote--

This is a True Copy out of the original return of the Committee and entered upon Record June 1717

per Francis Smith, Town Clerk

Exchange of Land with John Wesson

Reading March the 18th 1717

At a Legal Town Meeting held by the Freeholders and other Inhabitants qualified as the Law directs regularly assembled--

At the Meeting above said, Ens John Wesson petitioned the Town to Exchange a little Slip or gusset of land of his lying between two highways that meet together near the South West corner of Kendalls Meadow, (to save fencing) and to take land for it in the Towns Common somewhere near his house.

"Voted" at the Meeting above said to Exchange with Ens Wesson as is above mentioned, and to set off to Ens Wesson so much of the common land for it, as the Town shall have of his land, and so to continue during the Towns pleasure And Voted that Capt Burnap, Mr Thomas Pool, and Mr Kendall Parker shall be a committee, to measure and stake out the land for the Town, and Ens Wesson, and make return to the Town--

Reading the 25th of Febuary 171⁷/₁₈

We the Subscribers have laid out to Ens John Wesson eighteen poles of land, between his house and his North East corner of his home stead; began a pole wide at the North East corner of his House and so a pole wide down Northward to that which was Fitches corner and then a straight line to that which was Fitches North East corner, which makes the complement.

And a straight line on the common and at the South west corner of Kendalls Meadow, We set off to the Highway from Ens Wessons land eighteen poles, which we account according to the within written vote.

Joseph Burnap)
Kendall Parker) Committee
Thomas Poole)

This is a True Copy out of the Towns vote and the Committees Return

Recorded per me
Francis Smith, Town Clerk

Perambulation between Salem & Reading

We whose names hereto subscribed, being appointed by the Selectmen of Salem and Reading, to perambulate between said Salem and Reading, which we did on the seventeenth day of October, one Thousand seven hundred & fifteen.

And began at the White Oak by the River above Uptons Mill so from Station to Station N,Easterly 66d-- 475 Rods to a white Oak in Fullers Field; From thence N. Westerly 35d from Station to Station about 235 Rods to a heap of stones on Mr Bellinghams Farm at the S. E. of Wills hill pond in a field; From thence by Bellinghams Farm from Station to Station S. Westerly 72d about 235 Rods, to a Black Oak on the Ridge of a hill, the S. W. corner of Mr. Bellinghams Farm; From thence N. Westerly 24d by BellinghamsFarm, about two Miles to a White Oak tree with a heap of stones, to the N. W. corner of Bellinghams Farm; From thence by said Farm E. a little Northerly about two hundred Rods; till come square with Mr Fullers line, where should be a heap of stones; From thence about North about 45 Rods to said line

Thomas Nichols)		Wm Pickering)	
Joseph Burnap)	From	Joseph Orne)	From
Benjamin Swayne)	Reading	John Gardner)	Salem

This is a True Copy out of the Return of the perambulators above named Recorded at their request

per Francis Smith Town Clerk

Town Highway

We the Subscribers being appointed by the Selectmon, to lay out a Highway agreeable to the Towns vote, Voted May the 21st 1717 did on June the eighth 1717 at said place appointed, there did meet with Capt Thomas Flint and his son Thomas Flint and two other of his sons, and by said Flints consent, did at the North end of the Range way so called; at or near the North East of said lots, there we began and marked two small trees near the River, about two poles asunder on the upland Southerly of the River. And so laid the Way over said River, and across said Capt Flints, or his sons Meadow; we laid out a way northerly so nigh straight as may best accommodate for a Way, landing on the upland on the North side of said Meadow, at a spliced Popler and Birch about two poles asunder, which stand on the land belonging to the Highway Southerly of Leut Thomas Bryants land.

Capt Flint and his sons, not only gave liberty that there should be a way as aforesaid, but gave so much Meadow as is needfull for said Way Provided we did him no other damage than the using of so much Meadow as is needfull to make said Way upon

Thomas Bryant)
John Brown)

This is a True Copy out of the Return of the layers out of said Way

Attest Francis Smith Town Clerk

Committees return of Land exchanged with Sergt Flint

We the subscribers being chosen a committee by the Town of Reading to set out the Way exchanged with Sergt Flint, as may more at large appear by said vote of the exchange bearing date Sept 6th 1715. We went on the premises about the begining of Sept last Sergt Flint being not able to go with us, he informed us of the bounds and sent his son Ebenezer with us to act in that affair; and he shewed us the bounds as his Father had informed us, and they stood on the East side of Andover Old path according to Record. And we ran the lines according to said bounds, and fairly marked trees on the West side of the Towns land, and we found at the South end it was about five poles and a half, in the middle about nine poles and (a) half, at the North end about sixteen poles, which sixteen poles was measured out about Eleven years past, And said Ebenezer Flint agreed with us to lay out for the Town on the West side of the lot they bought of Deacon Fitch, Ten poles wide at both ends and the same in the middle which we did then bound out.

And we having then the Towns vote shewed to us that the Town had given the land above set out to the Inhabitants of the North Percint; reserving three poles wide in the most conveinant place for a Way; And the Selectmen had given us an order bearing date Sept the second 1718 to lay out said way which we did, and it is as followeth; at the North Meeting House it is to go next to John Eatons land untill it comes within about twenty poles of some low land that joins to Sargt Flints Orchard and then goes a slant over to Sargent Flints land, and so by Sargt Flints land forty poles, and then turns aslant by the Hill over to said Eatons line at the end of the Hill, then it is to lay by said Eatons line across three swamps; then turns aslant to said Flint line at the Middle mark. Then it is to turn aslant over to Eatons line at the North West end of Rattle Snake Rock, so by Eatons line till it comes to the foot of the Hill this side Jebit, plain, then it is to turn aslant to Flints line at a valley at the other End of said plain (then said plain being all suitable for a Way any part of it) it is to go through said plain so as to leave five acres more to said Flint, than it doth to said Eaton. And said Ebenezer Flint agreed to change said land for the accommodation of a Minister if it was divided so, which we did.

Reading Sept 4th 1718

Timothy Wiley)
Joseph Burnap)
John Goodwin)

This is a True Copy of the Committees return, Recorded per me Francis Smith, Town Clerk

Agreement between the Town and Richd Nichols

Reading June 27th 1718

It being highly reasonable that every Proprietor of upland or Meadow lands, should have a way to come at their Propriety to improve the same; Joseph Felch having a peice of Meadow in Reaver which is encompassed with other Mens Proprieties, and no allowed way to get to it, he the said Joseph Felch didat the last Town Meeting, request of the Town for help in that matter, the Town did consider the matter so far as to appoint and choose Ens John Goodwin and Thomas Bancroft a committee to agree with any of the proprietors near the Meadow and we the said John Goodwin and Thomas Bancroft have agreed with Richard Nichols, to let Joseph Felch and his heirs pass through his Meadow to fetch his hay, and the said Felch is to put up bars going and coming, and not begin to cart before the tenth day of July, and the said Nichols is to be allowed three shillings annually out of his proportion of Highway work, the said Felch paying to the committe three shillings.

Richard Nichols signed to this agreement
John Goodwin)
Thomas Bancroft) Committee

This agreement was consented to and confirmed by the Town March the second day 1719

This is a True Copy of the Committees return

Recorded per me Francis Smith Town Clerk

May 4th 1719

Land Exchanged with Thomas Eaton

Reading March the 7th 1719/20

Pursuant to a return of our laying out of some land that the Town voted to exchange with Mr Thomas Eaton-- We the Subscribers laid out of the Towns land to said Eaton by Butts & bounds, Six acres and Fifty six poles, at the North East end and the North West side of his Homestead that he lives on; And we laid out of said Eatons land for the Town between John Parkers and Nathaniel Goodwins, Thirteen acres and forty poles, part of Rock pond being in it, and we bounded the same

Joseph Burnap)
Thomas Bancroft)
Kendall Parker) Committee
Thomas Bryant)

This is a True copy out of the Original return
Recorded per me Francis Smith, Town Clerk

Reading March 25th 1721

Whereas Mr. Thomas Eatons request of said Reading at a general Town Meeting held in Reading the first Monday in March, instant, to reexchange the Land which he changed with the Town, the abovesaid Town granted that it should be reexchanged, and in order to settle the exchange back again the said Town chose us the subscribers to set out the Ways that was to be laid out through Eatons land, and what Ways or land the Town had, that Eaton above said fenced in, should be laid out, and laid off, at the Easterly side of said Eatons land near John Parkers, and on the 21st of March current we met on the said premises, and measured the land that Eaton hath of the Towns, and then we began at John Parkers gate about six feet North of the gate and run straight to a Rock by the fence, and then a rod and two poles wide from said gate easterly to the Town Way on the Southerly side of said fence, and South of a Red Oak by the old way, and we laid the Way that lyeth Southerly from said gate we laid it two poles and a half wide next the gate and we took off a corner of about one pole from Eatons corner by Parkers gate marked with stakes, and we laid out a peice on the East side of said Eatons land for the Town, the line began at a little White Oak by the way side that had been an Old mark, then it runs Northerly to a black Oak marked, by the fence then from said Oak to a stump with stones on it, by the way, then it turns by the path or way and runs to a stake, so on by a White Oak stump, by the way, and so to a stone set up by the turn of the way near to Rock pond, and there we laid nine poles of the land due from Eaton to the Town, off from the Eaton lot that he bought of Doct Felch, before Nathaniel Goodwins door.

Re-exchange with Thomas Eaton

(Continued)

And for a confirmation of the same we the above said subscribers have hereunto set out hands, and Mr Eaton signs with us to confirm the exchange; and the said Eaton reserves the Wood and stones on that peice of land laid out on the Easterly side of said Eatons land, that was laid out to the Town above said, if said Eaton take them off in five years next ensuing this before signing

Thomas Eaton

Joseph Burnap)
Kendall Parker) Committee
Thomas Bancroft)

This is a True copy out of the return

Recorded by me John Goodwin, Town Clerk

Exchange of Land with Joseph Feltch

August 20th 1716

Capt Brown layer out of those 6 acre lots and common rights on this side the River called Ipswich River, saith the knoll of Land near the Highway by the Bridge Called Joneses Bridge was left for the Towns use

Attest John Brown

in presence of Selectmen

Attest Francis Smith Town Clerk

Reading the 8th of March 1721/2

Recorded by John Goodwin Town Clerk

Reading March 5th 1721/2

At a Town Meeting; Proposed to exchange some Land with Joseph Feltch, the Way by Kendall Goodwins, going on about 37 poles of said Feltchs land, the Highway laid out there; that is, the East side of the way, began at a Walnut tree the South West corner of said Feltchs land, and runs as the fence now stands Northerly about 12 poles, then to a stake, and stones about it 5 or 6 feet within his fence then to another stake about 6 feet within his fence, then to a heap of stones without his fence, then the Range line to his North West corner, which contained of Highland the 37 poles; Then if the Town please to let said Feltch enjoy a peice of Common that he hath fenced in, joining to his Orchard before his door, which contains 31 poles; and about six poles joining to the South West corner of his House lot during the Towns pleasure; but if the Town take those two peices away, that the Town shall give said Feltch full satisfaction some other way for the Land by Kendall Goodwins that the Highway is laid out on.

May the 12th 1722 — Joseph Burnap & Thomas Bancroft) appointed by the Selectmen to lay out said way

This is a True Copy out of the Original Return.

Recorded by me
John Goodwin, Town Clerk

Agreement between John Parker & Nathaniel Parker Jr

Know all Men by these Presents; That Whereas I John Parker Sen of Reading in the County of Middlesex in this his Majesty's province of the Massachusetts Bay in New England Yeoman, and I Nathaniel Parker Jr of said Reading Cooper, have some part of our land lying together in said Reading near Richard Nichols's I the said John Parker having purchased the Lot of Abiel Goodwin that was formerly Ens Nathaniel Goodwins second division Lot; and I said Nathaniel Parker having purchased the Lot that was Leiu Hannaniah Parkers second division, and we have had some difference formerly about the line of said lots, for the said two lots Join together, and we made an agreement and settled a line between our lands in that place for ourselves our heirs, Executors Administrators and assigns; said agreement is entered in our Town Book in Reading for a final settlement, the said agreement bearing date the eighteenth of July in the year one thousand seven hundred and eighteen; And to prevent any further difference between us, our heirs, Executors, Administrators or assigns, have this day renewed all the bounds between said lots that we made when we agreed, and are entered in the Town Book as above said; and do hereby confirm said agreement for us our heirs, Executors Administrators and assigns for ever; and further I the said John Parker do hereby quit all claim, Right, Title or Interest that I have or might claim to any part of said lot that was Ens Goodwins, that layeth on the Southerly side of that line that we made as aforesaid and I do hereby set our all my right of said lot, that lyeth on the Southerly side of said line to the said Nathaniel Parker his heirs, Executors, Administrators or assigns forever; and I the said Nathaniel Parker Jr do hereby quit all claim, Right, Title or Interest that I have or might claim to any part or parts of Lot that was Leut Hannaniah Parkers that is the Easterly end of said Leut Parkers Lot, on the Easterly and Northerly sides of said line that we made as above said; and I do hereby set over, all my right, title & Interest that I have or might have to any part or parts of the lots that was Lieut Parkers to the said John Parker his heirs, Executors, Administrators or assigns, that is all the land off said Leut Parkers Lots that is on the Easterly and Northerly side of the above said line and this above agreement is for ourselves our heirs Executors, Administrators, and assigns; and in Witness of the same I the said John Parker and I the said Nathaniel Parker have thereunto set our hand and seal, and desire that this may be entered in the above said Town Book for a final settlement.

Dated this Twenty fourth day of January in the year of our Lord one Thousand seven hundred and Twenty three and in the ninth year of our Sovereign lord George King of Great Britian etc

John Parker Seal ⊙
Nathaniel Parker ⊙

Signed, Sealed and delivered in presence of us
Timothy Goodwin--Joseph Burnap

And this is a True Copy of the Original Recorded by me
John Goodwin, Town Clerk

Money paid Town of Woburn for Suppot of Sarah Cutler

Woburn January the 25th 1722/3

Then we the Selectmen of Woburn in the behalf (of(said) Town of Woburn have received of the Selectmen of Reading the sum of eighteen pounds in Money which is in full of all dues and demands whatsoever they required upon the account of the maintainance of the widow Sarah Cutler according to the Courts Order.

Then we the Selectmen Say Received by us

Edward Johnson
George Reed
John Foule
Saml Richardson
Joseph Wright

Exchange of Land with John Damon

May the 1st 1723

At a Legal Town Meeting the Town did sell unto Joseph Damon a peice of upland lying between said Damons Meadow and Woburn Line, and thirty two poles more of upland laying at the North West corner of Towns land; in both peices half an acre, and the price is Two pounds ten shillings

This is a True Copy of the Committees return--

Recorded by me
John Goodwin Town Clerk

Reading March 30th 1724

Whereas John Damon did at the last Town Meeting petition the Town for to exchange some land with him, the Town did consider the matter so far, as to appoint us the subscribers a committee to veiw the same and make report at May Meeting accordingly we met at John Damons and agreed with him if the Town accept, to exchange nine acres and a half on the North side of Tarbridge hill adjoining to Ebenezer Damons Meadow and upland; and the said Damon is to Lay down to the common the Land he bought of William Nichols about Eleven acres and a half. The Town accepts of this return, nine acres and a half at one width at both ends

Peter Emerson)
Thomas Bancroft) Committee
Nathaniel Parker)

The above mentioned nine acres and a half of land is bounded Easterly upon the land of Jonathan Parker Northerly upon the land of Ebenezer Damon, Westerly on the land of Nathaniel Cutler South on the Towns common; South East corner a stake an heap of stones South West corner a stake and heap of stones

This is a True Copy of the committees return

Recorded per me Peter Emerson Town Clerk

Town Highway Laid out

We the Selectmen of Reading being appointed and impowered by the Town of Reading, at a General Town Meeting held May the 9th 1727 to Lay out a Way from Joseph Burnaps across the lots to Andover Road; Did meet at the House of Benjamin Damon upon October the 18th 1727 in order to perform said work; And begining at a stake cyphered, with stones about it on the West side of Nathaniel Batchelers land, the Way going on the Northerly side of said stake and so to a pitch pine cyphered being the Northerly bounds of said way, and from thence to a stake cyphered being the Southerly bounds, and so across Jonathan Flints Land and through Joseph Burnaps land going before his house to a stake (Cy) with stones about it, upon the West side of Timothy Hartshorns land being (the) Northerly bounds, and so to a Red Oak (cy) with stones about it, upon Nathan Hutchinsons land Southerly bounds, and from thence to a stake (cy) with stones about it, on Edward Hurkams Land a little south of his house and Barn Southerly Bounds, and so to a great Rock with stones upon it being Northerly bounds, and so to a stake (cy) upon Robert Kens Land with stones about it Northerly bounds, and so to a White Oak (cy) with stones about it Northerly bounds, and so to a great Rock with stones upon it Northerly bounds, and so to a great Rock Southerly of William Uptons house, and so to a stake and stones about it Northerly bounds, and so to a pitch pine (cy) on Capt Parkers land Northerly bounds, and so to a White Oak (cy) on Capt Jonathan Parkers land North bounds, and so to a black Oak (cy) Southerly bounds, and so to a stake (cy) with stones about it Southerly bounds, on the West side of John Riches land, the way going through a little Brook into Riches Orchard the said Rich promising to leave two Rods and a half at the Brook for watering of Cattle, and so going between two Apple trees (cy) and between two Rows of Apple trees to a stake South of Rich's barn, and so the Way going between Rich's house and a great Rock at the South West corner of his house, and so before his door to a stake (cy) at the corner of Rich's land North Bounds and so the Way turning Northerly till it comes to a stake in William Sheldons Land (cy), North bounds a Rock and stones upon it Southerly bounds, and so to a Rock with stones upon it North bounds, and so to a White Oak (cy) in Thomas Eatons land North bounds, and so to a Black Oak (cy) on the South side of a Rocky knoll in Thomas Eatons land, and so to a Rock on the South side of a cragged Rock and stones upon it, and a white oak spliced South bounds, and from thence to a great Swamp White Oak North beunds, which brings this Way into Andover Road, this being a two Rod Way laid out as above, the Way being bounded at every turn of the Way Northerly and Southerly, with trees or stakes (cy), stones, or Rocks.

Benjamin Pool)
Nathaniel Parker)
Stephen Wesson) Selectmen
William Flint)
Peter Emerson)

A True Copy taken out of the Selectmens Return
Attest Peter Emerson Town Clerk

And Recorded per me

Peter Emerson Town Clerk

Highway Laid Out

We the Selectmen of Reading being appointed and impowered by the Town at a general Town Meeting held in Reading May the 9th 1727 To lay out a Way across the lots from the county Road near Deacons Harndens to Mrs George Flints, did meet at Dea Harndens June the 20th 1727 in order to perform said work.

Begining at the County Road by Samuel Leamens house at a stake and heap of stones near the corner of his fence Southward of his house being the Southerly bounds, and so going a little Southerly of his house over the North End of a great Rock and so near the North side of his Barn, a Rock and stones upon it the Southerly Bounds, and from thence upon a straight line to a little pitch pine cyphered with stones about it, on the West side of the Meadow Ground intended to be cause Way'd, and so over the Meadow ground to a dead pitch pine with the top broken off spliced and cyphered, and from thence to a pitch pine cy; O. -- and from thence over a Run to a stake and stones about it, and so to a stake in a hollow with stones about it, and so to a Rock on the side of a hill South of Daniel Gowings Barn and stones upon it and so to a pitch pine South of Gowings house :O: and so to a great Rock and stones upon it, and from thence to a Twin White Oak by a pond hole :O: and so to a little White Oak :O: and from thence to a black Oak :O: with stones about it and so to a black :O: with stones about it, and so to a pitch pine :O: and thence to a pitch pine :O: and from thence to a poplar :C: and so to a Red Oak :O: and so to a Black Oak :O: and again to a black Oak :O: and so to a black oak :O: and so to a White Oak :O: and so along by the Back side of George Flints Barn and house, the North east corner of said Barn the Southerly bounds of said way, which brings the Way into the Lane between George Flints andSamuel Dix his land, all the marks above mentioned being the Southerly bounds of the said Way, and there is a bound mark at every turn of the Way; and this two Rod way is bounded all along on the North by trees spliced or stakes with stones about them

Benjamin Poole Esq)
Nathaniel Parker)
Stephen Wesson) Selectmen
William Flint)
Peter Emerson)

A True Copy taken out of the Selectmens returns which return was accepted by the Town upon March the 3rd 1728/9

Attest Peter Emerson Town Clerk

Agreement between Reading & Thos Flint of Salem

This Indentine or agreement made and concluded on, by and betwixt Capt Thomas Flint of Salem in the county of Essex, in his Majesty province of Massachusetts Bay in New England Carpenter on the one part and Leut Thomas Poole and Leuit Thomas Eaton both of Reading in the County of Middlesex and province aforesaid yeoman, in the name and for the Town of Reading aforesaid on the other part, witnesseth that Whereas a Highway was laid out across said Flints River Meadow land, in the North precinct in Reading aforesaid by Thomas Briant and John Brown who were appointed to do that service by the Selectmen of Reading aforesaid, which Highway is and hath been greatly to the damage of said Flint, and for satisfaction to said Flint his heirs and assigns, we the above named Thomas Flint and Thomas Eaton and Thomas Poole have agreed as followeth--

1st That there shall be a good and substantial Cart gate equal to lawful fence made and maintained in good repair well hanged across the Highway at each end of the way going over said Flints Meadow, at the outermost side of said Flints land, by the Town of Reading abovesaid at their cost and charge from time to time and at all times as there shall be occasion, and that the gate shall be erected across said Way as aforesaid at or before the Twenty third day of April next adjoining the date hereof.

2nd That the Town of Reading shall pay said Flint his bill of cost, which is as followeth; for writing a complaint and for entry (of) said complaint at Concord Court against the Town of Reading aforesaid five shillings, and for almost thirty Miles Travel to said Court eight shillings, and for Twenty miles travel to Charlestown to get a copy of said complaint and summons for the Selectmen of Reading and for the clerk writing copy and summons nine shillings, and for Twenty shillings said Flint paid to a Lawyer to manage said cases at said Court or Courts as need may require

3ly As for the damage that I the said Thomas Flint have sustained by reason of my Meadow being laid common to everyone the two last years, past by the surveyors causing my fence to be pulled down and demolished I leave it to the conscience of the Selectmen of Reading to allow me what they shall in justice judge it to be worth.

4ly That this agreement shall be recorded in Reading Town Book and that the agreement in this instrument or a copy of it under the Clerks hand shall be returned to said Flint; That it is recorded by the last of this December instant--

And in Testimony to all the within written articles, we have hereunto affixed our hands and Seals the eighth day of December 1729--and in the third year of the reign of our Sovereign lord George of Great Britian, France, and Ireland, King, Defender of the faith

Signed sealed and delivered in) Thomas Flint Seal e
the presence of us-- Benjamin Gowing) Thomas Poole Seal e
Ebenezer Upton) Thomas Eaton Seal e

The above is a True Copy taken out of the original agreement and recorded by Peter Emerson, Town Clerk

Exchange of Land with Kendall Parker & Benj Wesson

Reading May the 12th 1730

We the subscribers being appointed a committee, in order to veiw a peice of land of Capt Kendall Parkers, to exchange with the Town, the said Parkers land lieth on the West end of said Parkers Meadow by Jonathan Eatons Meadow near said Eatons house, and the land that the Town is to exchange with said Parker lieth on the North Easterly end of Joseph Bancrofts Homestead, and the committee do agree that the Town should (have) of said Capt Parker Two acres wanting twelve poles,, and that Capt Parker should have of the Town Two acres wanting thirty two poles

Thomas Poole)
Thomas Bouttell) Committee
John Goodwin)

A True Copy of the committees return recorded by
Peter Emerson Town Clerk

Reading May 12th 1730

We the subscribers being appointed a committee to veiw a peice of land formerly in the hands of James Wesson and now Benjamin Wessons in order to exchange with the Town, have veiwed the same and find the land of Benjamin Wesson that lieth near Joseph Damons about five or six and thirty poles and the Towns land five and Twenty poles and in our Judgment it appears to be a reasonable accommodating both parties; the land of Benjamin Wesson being bounded by the committee by three heaps of stones and stakes near one another on the North Easterly side of the way, and the Twenty five poles of the Towns land which is for satisfaction lieth on the Easterly side of said Wessons Cider Mill, being also bounded out by the Committee

Thomas Burnap)
Nathaniel Parker) Committee

A True copy out of the committees return
Recorded by Peter Emerson Town Clerk

Perambulation of Town Lines

Malden April 10th 1729

To the Selectmen of Reading

Gent This may inform you that we that were appointed a committee to run the line between Reading and Malden have attended the same and have run the said line and renewed the marks hereafter mentioned begining at Stoneham at a Walnut tree marked with M and R and from thence to a stake and heap of stones, and from thence to a Red Oak tree, and from thence upon a straight line to a crooked Maple tree marked with M. R. and from thence to a stake and heap of stones, and from thence to a Black Oak marked with M & R. and from thence to a stake and heap of stones in Boston line

Phinehas Upham
Nathaniel Upham
Thomas Douglas

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Peter Emerson, Town Clerk

At a Meeting of the Selectmen April the 20th 1731

We again set up the gates across the Way going over Capt Thomas Flints Meadow in the North precinct according to the agreement made between Capt Flint and the Town of Reading, and appointed Capt Jonathan Parker and Mr Ebenezer Damon of said Reading to keep them in good repair; Timothy Parker and Nathaniel Upton being Witnesses to their being set up the same time--

Sale and Gifts of Town Lands

We the subscribers being chosen a committee to veiw a peice of common land lying near to Lout Thomas Pooles, accordingly we the committee did upon April the 13th 1731, (said Poole leaving a conveinant Road) veiw the same, and begining at the Westerly side of a great Rock by Kendall Boutels Meadow, so North East to another flat Rock and Northerly to a stake near the fence so North easterly to another stake, in the bend of the way so to another stake, from thence as the fence now standeth to Capt Parkers Meadow and so along by the fence untill it comes to Kendall Boutels Meadow and so along by said Boutels to the great Rock first named as the Fence now standeth, the said Poole allowing of those that are the owners of the Meadows land adjoining to pass and repass to and from the said Meadow as they shall have occasion. The said Poole paying ten pounds an acre for what there is within the said bounds--

John Parker)
John Batcheller) Committee
John Goodwin)

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Peter Emerson Town Clerk

Reading Sept 16th 1731

There having been a Highway laid out across the land of divers of the North Precinct, which way they were to have recompence for out of the ten Rod way at the North end of their lots, which way began on the West side of John Batchelders lot and runs Easterly to Andover Road; We the subscribers being appointed a committee to see what recompence they should have for the way we have been and looked over both ways and we are of opinion that four Rods out of the ten will be a reasonable reccompence for all the lots but one, which is John Rich's fry Meadow lying against his lot there is but little upland; we therefore think he may have what there is against his lot on the Southerly side of the Meadow and the six Rods against William Sheldons lot.

John Batchelder)
James Nichols) Committee
Samuel Bancroft)

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Peter Emerson Town Clerk

Acceptance of a Vote concerning Gifts of Town Lands

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at Landlord Damon April 14th 1732 we again set up the gates across the way going over Capt Flints Meadow in the North Precinct according to the Towns vote, and the agreement between the Town of Reading and Capt Thomas Flint of Salem and left them in good repair, at a Meeting of the Selectmen April the 24th 1732 we did appoint Mr Ebenezer Damon and Mr Thomas Hutchinson of the North Precinct of Reading to take care of the gates erected across the way going over Capt Flints Meadow in said precinct and keep the said gates in good repair-- and shut them when they see or hear of their being left open in order to secure said Flints grass for the summer--

June 7th 1732

This may certify Whom it may concern that we the subscribers do accept of a vote passed by the Town Reading at a General Town Meeting held May the 9th 1727 which vote was to confirm three Rods of the ten Rod way that goeth through the Phelps and McIntires Land where it is now improved as Witness our hands

(Samuel Phelps
(Jonathan McIntire
(Joseph Phelps
(Nehemiah Hayward

A True Copy of the Subscribers acceptance Recorded by
Peter Emerson Town Clerk

Settlement of Bounds between Stoneham & Reading

Reading April 23rd 1723

This writing Witnesseth an agreement made by John Goodwin and Samuel Bancroft both of Reading aforesaid in the County of Middlesex in his Majesty's province of the Massachusetts Bay in New England on the one part and Thomas Flint ofSalem in the County of Essex and province above said on the other part; That Whereas there was a Way laid out over said Flints River Meadow in said Reading North precinct to the damage of said Flint; We have agreed as followeth; We give the said Flint Twenty pounds. In consideration Whereof I the above said Flint Quit and discharge the Town of Reading from any Further charge from me the said Flint my heirs on assigns forever; in Witness hereof I have hereunto affixed my hand and seal the day and year above written

Thomas Flint Seal ⊙

Witness Ebenezer Damon
Ebenezer Flint

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Peter Emerson, Town Clerk

Middlesex S. L. Stoneham April the 5th day 1734

We the subscribers being chosen a committee to settle part of a line in controvesy between said Towns, Agreed as followeth-- That there shall be a straight line from a stake and heap of stones between Timothy Goodwins Land and Daniel Goulds Southerly to a Black Oak tree standing on the South side of a pine swamp on the hill which is an allowed mark between said Towns, which stake we marked as a North east corner mark between Reading and Stoneham

In Witness whereof we set to our hands

Committee for Reading
John Goodwin)
Ebenezer Parker
Kendall Parker)

Committee for Stoneham
(John Vinton
(Jonathan Green
(Ebenezer Phillips

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Sale of the Top of Ash Swamp

We the subscribers being chosen a committee to sell the top of the Ash Swamp, accordingly we have sold it to the persons that own the bottom of it in manner following--

To Kendall Parker Esq The top of his right of bottom in the Ash Swamp it being about three acres and a half for three pounds ten shillings--

To Thomas Nichols Esq The top of his right of bottom in the said Ash Swamp it being about three acres for three pounds--

To Mr Benjamin Hartshorn, The top of his right of bottom in the Ash Swamp it being about six acres for six pounds--

To Mr. Thomas Eaton, The top of his right of bottom in the Ash Swamp it being about five acres for five pounds--

To Mr Kendall Bryant, The top of his right of bottom in the Ash Swamp it being about one acre and a half for one pound eight shillings--

To Mr Joseph Damon The top of his right of bottom in the Ash Swamp it being about four acres and a half for four pounds, ten shillings--

To Mr Ebenezer Felch, The top of his right of bottom in the Ash Swamp it being about one acre and a half for one pound ten shillings.

To Dea Thomas Boutel and Mr Kendal Bryant and Mr Ebenezer Damon the top and bottom of that lot in the Ash Swamp that was William Batchellers it being about nine acres for three pounds an acre for Twenty seven pounds--

To Mr John Sooter of Stoneham, The top of his right of bottom in Reading Ash Swamp it being about six acres and a half for six pounds ten shillings--

Ebenezer Parker)
Thomas Eaton) Committee
Samuel Bancroft)

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Peter Emerson Town Clerk

Perambulation of Town Lines

Reading May 27th 1733

Whereas we the subscribers were chosen by the Inhabitants of said Town a committee to consult an exchange of some of the Highway that leads near Jonathan Nichols's house to the Sledges with John Damon for part of his land lying by Highway, we Report as followeth "viz" That said Highway may with convoinance turn around the North Easterly corner of said lot of John Damon and that it lay between said Damons lot and the land of Jonathan Nichols from Lobs pound Road untill it come to said Sledge Road, with this proviso that said John Damon leave said proposed road or way 4 Rods wide wanting 4 foot, at the Easterly end by said Lobs pound Road, and two rods wide at the Westerly end, for which we report that said John Damon may take up the Old Way so far as it lies in his said lot, also that said Damon clear up and make said new way feasable for the Towns use

Raham Bancroft)
Samuel Pratt) Committee

A True copy taken out of the committees return
Attest Peter Emerson, Town Clerk

September the 5th 1735

We the subscribers being appointed by the Selectmen of Reading and Wilmington met according to time and place; and we began at a heap of stones which is the bounds where Reading, Woburn and Wilmington meets, from thence Easterly to a White Oak marked and lettered, at the South Easterly corner of Wilmington, then Northerly to a White Oak marked and lettered standing on an Island called Arnolds Island, from thence to a White Oak marked and lettered on the South side of Hundred acres, from thence to the South Easterly corner of Jenkins land to a stake with stones about it, from thence Northerly to a White Oak marked and lettered, from thence to a White Oak marked and lettered, from thence to a pitch pine marked and lettered from thence to Mods South Easterly corner, from thence Northerly to a stump marked and lettered standing within Mr Dumers fence, from thence by several spliced pines to a White Oak marked and lettered, from thence to a pitch pine marked and lettered from thence to a White pine marked and lettered, from thence to Andover line to a stake with Stones about it

Richard Temple)	Committee	John Harnden)	Committee
Samuel Bancroft)	for	Samuel Buck)	for
James Townsend)	Reading	Thomas Rich)	Wilmington

A True copy of the committees return--

Attest Peter Emerson Town Clerk

Perambulation of Town Lines

September 30th 1735

We the subscribers being appointed by the Towns of Reading and Andover to perambulate the line between Reading and Andover have met on the day above mentioned at Reading corner pine and have perambulated upon the line between said Towns, from Station to Station to Middleton line, and there Erected a corner Bound between Reading and Andover on Middleton line said corner bounds being made on the side of a little Rocky Hill on the Northwesterly side of Mr Chewers Meadow so called; there being present several Gentlemen from Middleton that did accord to and with us the Subscribers in settling said bounds; namely Mr Thomas Fuller, Mr Benjamin Fuller and Mr Isaac Wilkins--

Ebemezer Emerson)	Committee	Nathaniel Fry)	Committee
Ebenezer Flint)	for	James Ingalls)	of
Robert Russel)	Reading	Ebenezer Abbott)	Andover

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Peter Emerson, Town Clerk

A Peice of Land valued

We the subscribers being appointed or chosen a committee to veiw a piece of land at Early Hill and we went upon it some time in Febuary in the year 1735/6 and we valued it at three pounds an acre; 6 acres at eighteen pounds, as Witness our hands--

Reading Aug the 3rd 1736

John Goodwin)
Stephen Wesson) Committee
Richard Temple)

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Change of a Highway

Reading July the 4th 1737

Then we the subscribers have veiwed the way that goeth by Mr Samuel Fosters land which Mr John Nichols petitioned to have changed and the said Nichols would have the Way against said Fosters Shop, and from the way to a Black Oak marked, and from thence to another Black Oak marked, and from thence to a pitch pine marked and so along by four pitch pines marked, and from thence to a White Oak and so to run by four White Oaks marked, and from thence to a stake and heap of stones by a Brook, and from thence to a stake and heap of stones on the other side of the Brook, and from thence to the Road that goes to the Meadow called Hundred acres, and the said Road that the above said Nichols petitioned for is to lay upon the Easterly side of the above mentioned bounds, and the said Road is two Rods wide, and we the subscribers have veiwed the said way, and we think it will be no damage to the Town Provided the said Nichols make a good feasable Cart way upon his own Cost--

Benjamin Brown)
Joseph Demon) Committee
Nathaniel Parker)

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Liberty of A Highway over Mill Dam

Reading North Precinct
March 3rd 1738

These may certify the Town of Reading; that we the subscribers do give free Liberty of a Highway over our Mill Dam, the laying a Way over said Dam, and over the River above said Mill; the Town maintaining one third of the gravel part of said Highway, and we the subscribers do promise to maintain the other two thirds of the gravel part, which is our Dam, so long as we keep up a Mill or Mills there, and do oblige ourselves our heirs and assigns to perform the same--

Daniel Putnam)
Ebenezer Flint)
Ebenezer Flint Jr.)
George Flint)
Jonathan Flint)
William Flint)

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Peter Emerson Town Clerk

Reading North Precinct
March 3rd 1738

These may certify the Town of Reading; That we the subscribers promise to give sufficiency of land for a Highway from the River untill it comes to William Flints land, the Town laying the Highway there

Ebenezer Flint
Jonathan Flint
William Flint

The above is a True Copy
Attest Peter Emerson Town Clerk

Perambulation between Boston & Reading

Pursuant to an order made and passed at a Meeting of the Selectmen of Boston the fifth of April 1738 in obediance to an Act of the Great and General Court of Assembly made and passed in the fourth year of King William and Queen Mary entitled an act for Regulating of Townships etc directing that the bounds of all Townships shall be run betwixt Town and Town and marks renewed once in three years by two of the Selectmen of each Town or any other two persons whom the Selectmen shall appoint.

We the subscribers "viz" Caleb Lyman, Jonas Clarke and Thomas Hutchinson Jr with William Hasey and Jacob Hasey appointed a committee by the Selectmen of Boston, met with the committee appointed by the Selectmen of Reading "viz" Ebenezer Parker and Thomas Nichols, at a heap of stones on Tear Breach Hill so called on Monday the Seventeenth day of April Anno Domini one Thousand seven hundred and Thirty eight; and after we had shewn each other our respective orders for running the line and renewing the bound marks between the said Towns of Boston and Reading; We proceeded as followeth "viz" Having put a stake in the middle of the fore mentioned heap of stones, being the boundary between the Towns of Boston Reading and Malden marked B. R. M. from thence we run upon a course N. W. and by N. to on heap of stones on a Rock, from thence to an heap of stones round an old stump, from thence to a black Oak tree marked B. R. from thence to an old Maple Stump in Ebenezer Nichols Orchard, thence to an Heap of stones on the side of the Hill, from thence to another heap of stones on the side of an Hill, and from thence running N. E. and by E. across low Meadow Land to an heap of stones on a Hill, from thence to another heap of stones within sight of the three County heap, from thence to the three County heap of stones, which is the boundary between the Towns of Boston, Reading, and Lynn.

Caleb Lyman)
Jonas Clarke)
Thomas Hutchinson)

Highways & Watering places resefved etc .

Reading November 23rd 1737

We the subscribers being a committee chosen by the Town to take a veiw of the common land in order to see what is necessary to be left for Highways Watering places and other Public uses, having entered upon the affair consulted the same and Report as followeth "Viz" That all the common between Capt Thomas Nichols's and the Widow pattisons and Dea Fitchs gate lay as it is, excepting the land that lays upon the Easterly side of the Road, that leads from the corner of Capt Nichols's stone Wall within six feet of the Cart path untill it comes to a white Oak standing near Esq Pools draw bars below his house; and so the line turns off up to said bars, yet nevertheless a way is reserved for Thomas Wesson and Dea Gibson up to their houses which shall be left upon the Causeway; and said way shall be three rods wide at the Easterly end, and three Rods and a half at the Westerly end. Then we proceeded to the North end of the Great Pond, and there we propose that a way not less than four Rods wide shall lay from the Bridge at the mouth of the Pond up along over the Highland, between the Road that goes round the hill and the path over the top of the hill, in a path that we call the middle way, and so it leads to the way to John Pools House. And from the Westerly side of John Pools Homestead that there be a way four Rods Wide through the common land in the most conveinent place up to the causeway at Jones's Bridge. And that there be a way three Rods wide over the Island Bridge, yet still a bridle way is reserved for the necessary use of the owners of Ash Swamp and other ancient proprietors that have occasion to pass over the common land to their Wood land, pasture or Meadow-- Then we veiwed the Highway by Dea John Goodwins and we propose that the way from said Goodwins house up the hill to Kendall Parkers Esq and to Stoneham Road shall lay not less than four Rods wide, and the Road from said Goodwins to Kendall Bryants and so along to Bare hill Brook not less than four Rods Wide, and that there be a way three Rods wide from the Bridge at said Brook up round the soft ground over Damons Bridge and so out to Jonathan Eatons, and that there be a Road of four Rods wide from said Bridge up to Parkers saw pit, also that there be a Road 3 rods wide from Jonathan Eatons, so along by the Widow Ruth Bancrofts up the hill, and so to Capt Thomas Eatons pasture at Benj Wessons that is three rods wide where there is breadth of common to accomodate. We also judge it necessary that there be a Highway 2 rods wide from the road that goes by Benj Wessons Barn which shall lie over the higher part of the hill towards said Widow Bancrofts untill it drops into the last proposed road, also that there be a conveinant road from the North Easterly corner of Ensign Wesson (Deceased) homestead along by the house and so to Samuel Wessons and Ebenezer Feltches and so out by the end of the Meadow that was Capt Parkers to Charlestown Road from thence we proceeded to Tare Breech Hill and we propose that the lower end of the

common by Ensign Parkers up as far as the path that leads from John Boutells stone wall towards Henry Merrows lay common for Public uses, And that there be a road three rods wide from Henry Merrows to the road that goes out to Jonathan Parkers, still reserving a convenient bridle way over part of Tare Breech hill for Ebenezer Nichols Son and Jeremiah Swain to come to their proprieties, also we propose that there be a two Rod way left at the Westerly end of Raham Bancrofts and Daniel Merrows homestead through a peice of Common. Also we propose that a convenient part of Browns pond upon the hill side be left for Watering, and also ten Rods length of Bare hill Brook above the Bridge shall lay common, and at the lower end of the Widow Ruth Bancrofts homestead there shall be another convenient Watering place left common also the pond at Samuel Wessons shall be left common. Further more we think it necessary that where there is any ancient house lot, feild or pasture land that borders upon the Common land, and the Town do not sell or dispose of the Common so adjoining to the owner of such proprieties, then there shall be a convenient way left from all such proprieties out to the Highway before such common lands are any way disposed of to any other person

Ebenezer Parker)
Kendall Parker)
Thomas Nichols) Committee
Ebenezer Flint)
Raham Bancroft)

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Peter Emerson Town Clerk

Sale of the Common

Reading June 29th 1741

We the subscribers being chosen a committee by the Town to veiw the land petitioned for by Kendall Parker Esq have veiwed the same and agree and judge the land to be worth eighty pound of Money or bills of credit, and the said Parker shall have the said land for eighty pounds of Money or bills of credit, it being measured by Ebenezer Nichols Jr and it contains by estimation three acres and three quarters and twenty poles, butted and bounded as followeth That is one peice lying on the South side of said Parkers homestead beginning by the gate before said Parkers door, then running Southerly about four poles and a half to a stake, then running Easterly to a stake by the Road, then running still Easterly to a stake and stones by the Road, it being the South East corner, and then running across the Pond called Brownes Pond North Easterly to a stake by the Wall; then bounded Northerly on said Parkers own land; The other peice is on the North side of said Parkers Barn the peice lyeth in the shape of a V. partly in said Parkers own land running with a straight line from the corner of the Wall behind the Barn Northerly to the corner of the Wall upon the North side of the hill bounded Westerly on the Town Common

Thomas Bancroft)
James Nichols)
Benja Brown) Committee
John Swain)
Thomas Eaton)

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Sale of the Common

Reading June 10th 1742

We the subscribers being chosen a committee to value some land petitioned for (by) Kendall Parker Esq lying on the Southerly side of the Road before his door, accordingly we have been and valued the same and we are of the opinion that the land above said is worth fourteen pounds, twelve shillings and sixpence lawfull money there being four acres and ninety two poles, bounded southerly on land of Joseph Bancroft late of Reading Deceased, and said Parkers own land, Westerly on the Town way leading to Stoneham, Northerly on the Town way till it come to a stake near the Corner of Doct Thomas Stimsons land lately set out to him, and from there to the said Joseph Bancrofts Deceased, land, the Town reserving the Liberty for the heirs of said Bancroft to pass and repass across said land to improve their own land at the East end of said land, and that said Parker shall have it accordingly--

Ebenezer Nichols)
Ebenezer Parker)
William Bryant)

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Peter Emerson Town Clerk

Reading July 7th 1741

We whose names are under written being chosen a committee to measure the land on the North side of the Road that leads from Mr John Pools to Jonases Bridge, which was sold to Benjamin Brown and Ebenezer Nichols Jr. at a general Town Meeting held at Reading the fifteenth day of May 1741 for seven pounds ten shillings per acre accordingly we have been and measured the same by the hand of Thomas Flint an artist, and there appears to be Thirty seven acres and one hundred poles as appears by the return of the Surveyor which is annexed to this return, and the land is bounded as followeth; begining at the South West corner of John Pools land by the Road, and then bounded Easterly partly on John Pools land till it comes to the pine swamp, then bounded again Easterly and Northerly and Westerly on the pine Swamp till it comes to the Town Road, Then bounded on said Road as the fence now stands, till it comes to the above said corner of said Pools land; and the whole of the land comes to Two hundred and eighty two pounds three shillings and ninepence

Thomas Eaton)
Samuel Pool)
Kendall Parker) Committee
Ebenezer Parker)

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Attest Peter Emerson Town Clerk

Sale of the Common

Reading Oct 12th 1741

We whose names are under written being chosen a committee at a general Town Meeting held on June 29th 1741 To veiw and value the land petitioned for by Mr Peter Emerson lying on the lower side of the Road leading from Mr John Pools to Mr Woodwards it being the South East corner of that tract of land at the head of the great pond, there being two acres by measure, bounded Southerly on the pond Easterly on the Town Common, Northerly on the Road with a stake at the North West corner, and a stake at the South West corner, We are of the opinion that the above two acres are worth Twenty pounds per acre and that the said Emerson shall have it accordingly.

James Nichols)
John Merrow)
William Groen) Committee
Reham Bancroft)
Ebenezer Parker)

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Attest Peter Emerson, Town Clerk

Reading Oct 12th 1741

We whose names are under written being chosen a committee at a general Town Meeting held on June 29th 1741 To veiw and value the land petitioned for by Brown Emerson, John Batcheler Dea Thomas Nichols and Timothy Nichols bounded Southerly on the pond, South Westerly on the Swamp that was lately Dea Thomas Nichols (Deceased) North Westerly on the land petitioned for by Mr John Pratt and John Boutell from the corner of Timothy Nichols Swamp and the South West corner of Mr John Pools land, and so by said Pools land till it come to the Road, so by the Road to the corner of the two acres petitioned for by Mr Peter Emerson, and down to the pond to a stake at the South West corner of said peice that Mr Peter Emerson hath petitioned for, and we set out Ten acres and three quarters to Mr Brown Emerson on the Easterly side of the above said land from Pools South West corner above said to a stake down by the Pond and we are of the opinion that the land thus set out to the said Brown Emerson is worth Eleven pounds per acre and that he shall have it accordingly. Then we set out to John Batcheler ten acres and three quarters running from said South West corner above said about twenty eight poles and a half to a stake and from themce to a stake by the great pond and we are of the opinion that the land thus set out to John Batcheler is worth nine pounds per acre and that the said Batcheler shall have it accordingly. Then we set out to Dea Thomas Nichols ten acres and three quarters there being a stake at the North west corner of it, about twenty seven

Sale of the Common

poles from the corner of that part set out to John Batchelor and so from said stake down to the pond, and we are of the opinion that the land thus set (off) out to Dea Thomas Nichols is worth nine pounds per acre and that he the said Thomas Nichols shall have it accordingly. Then we set out to Timothy Nichols ten acres and three quarters it being all the land between said Dea Nichols land that is set out to him as aforesaid and the Meadow and Swamp belonging to Ebenezer Nichols, Dea Thomas Nichols and said Timothy Nichols, and we are of the opinion that the land thus set out to Timothy Nichols is worth eight pounds per acre and that the said Nichols shall have it accordingly. And it is to be understood that the proprietors of the swamp and Meadow shall have liberty to pass and repass across the above said land to improve their Meadow and swamp where it shall be the least damage as they shall have occasion--

John Merrow,)
William Green)
Reham Bancroft) Committee
Ebenezer Parker)

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Reading Oct 12th 1741

We whose names are under written being chosen a committee to veiw the land petitioned for by Mr John Pratt and John Boutell at a general Town Meeting held on June the 29th 1741 said land lying on the Westerly and Southerly side of the Road leading from Jonases Bridge to Mr John Pools and so bounded on said Pools land to the South West corner of said Pools land, and from thence to the North corner of Timothy Nichols Meadow between said Nichols and Mr John Pratt. We are of the opinion that the land thus petitioned for by said Pratt and Boutel is worth eleven pounds per acre; there being Fifteen acres more or less; the Town reserving the liberty for the owners of the Swamp to pass and repass across said land to improve their lands as they shall have occasion where it shall be (the) least damage

James Nichols)
John Merrow)
William Green) Committee
Reham Bancroft)
Ebenezer Parker)

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Sale of the Common

Reading Oct 12th 1741

We whose names are under written being chosen a committee to veiw and value the land petitioned for by Mr John Damon, Timothy Pratt and Daniel Nichols at a general Town Meeting held on June 29th 1741 said land known by the name of the great Island lying on each side of the Road, there being Twenty one acres and fifty two poles by measure Bounded all round by the proprietors of the Swamp and Town Road. We are of the opinion that the land thus described is worth eight pounds per acre and the said John Damon, Timothy Pratt and Daniel Nichols shall have it accordingly the Town reserving a liberty for the proprietors of the Swamp to pass and repass across said land to improve their Swamp land where it shall be least damage as they shall have occasion

James Nichols)
John Merrow)
William Green) Committee
Raham Bancroft)
Ebenezer Parker)

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Peter Emerson, Town Clerk

Reading Oct 12th 1741

We whose names are under written being chosen a committee at a general Town Meeting held on June the 29th 1741, To veiw and value the land petitioned for by William Melendy and Mr John Eaton lying on each side of the Road on the little Island so called, we are of the opinion that the land on each side of the Island is worth ten pounds per acre and that the said William Melendy shall have the East side at that price and Mr John Eaton the West side at that price, there being two acres on the East side and two acres and fifty poles on the West side--

James Nichols)
John Merrow)
William Green) Committee
Raham Bancroft)

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Sale of the Common

Reading Oct 12th 1741

We whose names are under written being chosen a committee at a general Town Meeting held on June the 29th 1741 To veiw and value the land petitioned for by Mr John Pool and James Woodward lying at the head of the pond, bounded Easterly on Mr John Woodward Northerly on Mr John Pool, Westerly and Southerly on the Town Road, we are of the opinion that three acres and three quarters next said Pool is worth fourteen pounds per acre and the rest thirteen pounds per acre, there being thirteen acres and twenty poles in the whole and that the said James (John Pool) Woodward shall have the Three acres and three quarters at fourteen pounds per acre and the said James Woodward shall have the rest of the said land at thirteen pounds per acre

James Nichols)
John Merrow)
William Green) Committee
Raham Bancroft)
Ebenezer Parker)

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Peter Emerson Town Clerk

Reading Oct 12th 1741

We whose names are under written being chosen a committee at a general Town Meeting held at Reading on June 29th 1741, To veiw and value a piece of land called Tare Breach Hill petitioned for by John Damon there being Twenty two acres by measure bounded all round by proprieties, we are of the opinion that the above said land is worth Sixty six pounds and that the said Damon shall have it accordingly the Town reserveing a Bridle Road between John Boutels land and said Hill and also a liberty for the proprietors to pass and repass across said land where it shall be least damage, to improve their own land--

James Nichols)
John Merrow)
Raham Bancroft) Committee
Ebenezer Parker)

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Peter Emerson Town Clerk

Sale of the Common

Reading Oct 15th 1741

We whose names are under written being chosen a committee to veiw and value the land petitioned for By Benjamin Wesson and James Wesson on the 29th of June 1741 said land lying on the West side of Bare hill near said Wessons house, there being eight acres and one hundred and ten poles, we are of the opinion that the land is worth thirteen pounds per acre, and that the said Wessons shall have it accordingly, bounded all round by the Town Road--

Ebenezer Nichols)
John Swain)
Jonathan Parker) Committee
John Walton)
Benjamin Brown)

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Reading Oct 15th 1741

We whose names are under written, being chosen a committee at a general Town Meeting held on the 29th of June 1741, To veiw and value the land petitioned for by Kendall Bryant lying adjoining to the land petitioned for by Josiah Hodgman and it contains three acres and five poles bounded South Westerly on the road, and South Easterly on the Road, easterly & northerly on a Meadow, late Thomas Geary and Kendall Bryants, Westerly on land petitioned for by the above said Josiah Hodgman, and we are of the opinion the land so bounded out is worth fifty seven pounds and that the said Bryant shall have it accordingly

Ebenezer Nichols)
John Swain)
John Walton) Committee
Jonathan Parker)
Benjamin Brown)

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Peter Emerson Town Clerk

Sale of the Common

Reading Oct 15th 1741

We whose names are under written being chosen a committee to veiw and value the land petitioned for by Dea Thomas Stimson, lying on the North side of his house, there being one hundred and ninety six poles, and we are of the opinion that the land thus petitioned for is worth seventeen pounds old Tenor, and that the said Stimson shall have it accordingly--

Ebenezer Nichols)
John Swain)
John Walton) Committee
Jonathan Parker)
Benjamin Brown)

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Reading Oct 15th 1741

We whose names are under written being chosen a committee at a general Town Meeting held on June the 29th 1741, To veiw and value the land petitioned for by Isaac Wesson and Ebenezer Merrow, on Loes Meadow Hill, we are of the opinion that the land thus petitioned for is worth fifty shillings per acre, and that said Isaac Wesson shall have it that is one half of said land on the South end of it accordingly, and Ebenr Merrow the North half accordingly, there being Twelve acres and ninety one poles, the Town reserving the liberty for the proprietors of the land on the North side thereof, to pass and repass across said land as they shall have occasion, where it shall be least damage--

Ebenezer Nichols)
John Swain)
John Walton) Committee
Jonathan Parker)
Benjamin Brown)

Sale of the Common

Reading Oct 15th 1741

We whose names are under written being a committee choren by the Town, to veiw and value the land petitioned for by Nathaniel Cowdry and accordingly we have been and veiwed that piece of land at the East of said Cowdrys Barn, and we are of the opinion that it is worth 18 pounds per acre, and it is bounded as follows; begining at the Southerly corner of said Cowdrys own land, and from thence Eastwardly to a stake, from thence Northwardly to Esq Parkers stone wall, and from thence by said stone wall to said Cowdrys own land, and from thence Southwardly to the first mentioned bounds and there is Sixty poles, which comes to Money ----------61L--S15

We have accordingly veiwed the other piece of land petitioned for by said Cowdry, at the Westerly side of his Orchard and it is bounded as followeth; North Westerly by said Cowdrys Orchard and partly by Esq Parkers land to a heap of stones by Esq Parkers fence and from thence Southwesterly by the Road, and from thence North Easterly to a corner of said Cowdrys Orchard, that is the South Westerly corner of said Cowdrys Orchard, and we are of the opinion that the said land is worth Thirty pounds per acre, and there is of it measure Eighty two poles which comes to Money--------15L - 10s - 0d and accordingly we have veiwed and valued the land petitioned for by Ebenezer Damon that lies on the Westerly side of Esq Parkers homestead, and it is bounded Westerly and Southerly upon the Town Road, and there is four acres and 153 poles; and we are of the opinion that the said land is worth Eight pounds ten shillings per acre and it comes to Money ----- 42L - 3s - 0d and the above said land is bounded on the North East corner on said Damons own land.

Ebenezer Nichols)
Benjamin Brown)
John Walton) Committee
Jonathan Parker)
John Swain)

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Peter Emerson TownClerk

Sale of the Common

Reading December 7th 1741

At a General Town Meeting held on the 17th of November 1741 We the Subscribers being chosen a committee to veiw and value the land petitioned for by John Temple, said land lying near to Mr Samuel Parkers in Wilmington; the Meadow part with the several pieces of Swamp in the upper end of it we are of the mind is worth seven pounds per acre, and that part of the Swamp lying South of the Meadow and also that part lying joining to Arnolds Island to be worth two pounds per acre, and there is seven acres and thirty nine poles of the Meadow, and Eleven acres and Eighty four poles of the Swamp the whole comes to seventy three pounds--

Brown Emerson)
John Boutel) Committee
Thomas Bancroft)

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Peter Emerson Town Clerk

Reading Oct 12th 1741

We whose names are under written being chosen a committee to veiw and value the Land petitioned for by Josiah Hodgman at a General Town Meeting held at Reading on June 29th 1741 the land lying on the North Easterly side of the Road, leading from Parkers Saw pit to Bare hill; being bounded South Westerly on said Road, North Westerly on Capt Thomas Eatons land Northerly, North Easterly and North Westerly on said Hodgmans own land, Easterly on land petitioned for by Kendall Bryant there being three acres and thirty poles by measure We are of the opinion that the land thus set out to Josiah Hodgman is worth Fifty eight pounds and that the said Hodgman shall have it accordingly--

Ebenezer Nichols
John Swain
John Walton
Jonathan Parker
Benjamin Brown

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Peter Emerson Town Clerk

Sale of the Common

Reading Oct 26th 1741

We whose names are under written being chosen a committee by the Town, to veiw and value the land petitioned for by Ensign John Merrow accordingly we have been and veiwed said land, and we are of the opinion that it is worth three pounds ten shillings per acre, and it is bounded as followeth; to a heap of stones at the North West corner of the Burying place, and from thence Easterly to a stake and heap of stones at John Boutels land, and from thence Northwardly to a stake and heap of stones against said Boutels land, and from thence Westerly to a heap of stones by the Road, and from thence Southardly to a heap of stones on the gravel Hill, and from thence to another heap of stones and from thence to the first mentioned bounds and there is five acres and an hundred and thirty poles, which comes to Money-----

Benjamin Brown)
Nathaniel Parker) Committee
Thomas Green)

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Peter Emerson, Town Clerk

Reading Oct 15th 1741

We whose names areunder written being chosen a committee at a general Town Meeting held on June 29th 1741 To veiw and value the land petitioned for by Capt Thomas Eaton and Phinehas Parker and others lying on the North side of Bare hill, bounded Northerly and Easterly on the Road Southerly by land petitioned for by Thomas Nichols Esq and others South Westerly on the Road; We are of the opinion that the land we set out to Capt Eaton is worth ten pounds per acre and that the said Eaton shall have it accordingly the being 25 acres and 36 poles; and the other part nine pounds per acre there being 33 acres and a half, and that they shall have it accordingly--

Isaac Smith)
John Swain) Committee
Thomas Wiley)

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Attest Peter Emerson, Town Clerk

Sale of the Common

Whereas we the subscribers, Joseph Damon, John Parker, John Goodwin John Temple, and Samuel Bancroft Jr all of Reading in the County of Middlesex being all petitioners, (Together with Cap Thomas Eaton, Phinehas Parker and Isaac Burnap) To the Inhabitants of Reading aforesaid for a parcel of land, being part of the said Towns Common situate in said Reading on the Northerly side of Bare hill, which said tract of land contains fifty eight acres and thirty six poles and is Butted and bounded as follows"viz" Northerly, North Easterly, and Easterly on the Road, Southerly on land petitioned for by Thomas Nichols and others and South Westerly on the Road. We the said Joseph Damon, John Parker, John Goodwin, John Temple and Samuel Bancroft Jr aforesaid for divers good causes and considerations, us hereunto moving, have released, assigned and forever quit claimed, and do by these presents further fully, freely, and absolutely, remise, relinquish, release, assign, and forever quit claim unto the aforesaid Capt Thomas Eaton his heirs, Executors, administrators and assigns all my right title and interest in and to the aforesaid petition, together with all my Estate, Right, Title and Interest, Inheritence, Use, Profit, Property, Possession and Reversion of, in, and to the Premises by virtue of our petition; in Witness Whereof we the Subscribers have hereunto set our hands the fourteenth day of October Seventeen hundred and forty one and in the fifteenth year of his Majestys Reign--

Signed in presence of--
Phinehas Perker

Signed Samuel Bancroft Jr
Joseph Damon
John Parker
John Goodwin Jr
John Temple

A True Record of the agreement or quit claim taken out of the original

Attest Peter Emerson Town Clerk

Reading, Oct 15th 1741

We whosoever

Sale of the Common

Reading Oct 15th 1741

We whose names are under written being chosen a committee to veiw and value the land petitioned for by Phinehas Parker, Samuel Bancroft and Isaac Burnap, on the North side of Bare hill; the land is bounded as followeth, This is Westerly on the land sold to Capt Thomas Eaton begining at a stake and heap of stones by the Road that leads from Parkers Saw pit to the Meeting House and from said stake the line runs Southerly up the hill to a red Cedar tree, and so still Southerly to a heap of stones by the Road, and by said Road about four poles to a White Oak tree then the line runs Easterly down to Bare hill Brook to a heap of stones a little below the new Bridge, then it is bounded by the Town Road till it comes to the first mentioned stake and stones; there being Thirty three acres and one half; we are of the opinion that the land within those bounds is worth nine pounds per acre, and that the said Phinehas Parker, Samuel Bancroft, and Isaac Burnap shall have it accordingly--

Isaac Smith)
Thomas Wiley) Committee
John Swain)

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Peter Emerson Town Clerk

April 21st 1742

We the subscribers being chosen a committee to veiw and value the lane of land, lying between John Boutel, Phinehas Parker and Jona Parkers land petitioned for by the said Boutel and Phinehas Parker are of the opinion that it will best serve the Towns interest, to sell the land to the said petitioners; the Town reserving to themselves a Bridle Way forever and in as much as the Westerly end of said way is low and Mirey Ground not suitable for traveling, the said Phinehas Parker shall allow the way to turn to the Northward and go on sound land, where we think it will be least damage to him; and we are of the opinion that the land with this reserve is worth eight pounds ten shillings in the Old Tenor--

Timothy Nichols)
Joseph Damon) Committee
John Merrow)

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Peter Emerson Town Clerk

Statement of Ways laid out over the Common

Reading April 15th 1742

We whose names are under written being chosen a committee at the annual Town Meeting held at Reading on March the first 1742 To lay out all necessary Ways wheresoever they join on the Common that hath been sold in the year past, and make report at the next Town Meeting in order for their being established and Recorded, accordingly we have layed out the ways above said and staked them out in the following manner "viz" The way at the North end of the Great Pond from the Bridge along by Mr John Woodwards fence till it comes to a stake and heap of stones near a wall against the North West corner of said Woodwards House, then running North Westerly till till it comes to a stake and heap of stones against the corner of the land layed out to Mr Peter Emerson all the land on the Southerly side to lie for the Town Road and for convenience of coming to the Pond, the Road at the North East corner of said Emersons land four poles wide, then running up the side of the Hill to a stake and stones the way being five poles and a half wide at said stake, then to stake and stones on the North West side of the hill the Road being five poles and three quarters wide; from thence to Mr John Pools land the Road being three poles wide against said Pools land till it comes to the end of the common land-- The way on the West side of said Pools land being three poles wide next to said Pools land from Benjamin Browns fence; then running with a straight line on both sides till it comes to the corner of Ebenezer Nichols ditch and there the Road is four poles and a half wide, then running by said ditch till it comes to the Bridge the way being three poles and six feet wide, the Road running by said Nichols his fence till it comes to the Swamp; the way through the little Island and the great Island as it is staked out not less than three poles wide in any place where there was common land on both sides, together with a piece of land at the North end of each of the Islands is left as it is staked out for to mend the causeways-- The Way from Mr Kendall Bryants to Bare Hill Brook and from the Brook to Parkers Saw pit and from said Brook to Nathaniel Eatons is as followeth; Begining at an Apple tree by the Barn so running to a stake and stones on the Hill, from thence to stake and stones against (Caws) pasture so called from thence to a White Oak marked and from thence to a stake in a stump, the way at the bounds above said being four poles wide from the stump above said to Bare hill Brook; the way being six poles and three feet wide from the corner of Dea Goodwins Meadow Southerly, and from said Goodwins Wall Westerly the way is six poles and ten feet wide, from thence Northerly to a stake near the sand pit the way being four poles and three quarters wide; from thence to a stake and stones at the North end of the plain being three poles and nine feet wide; at the Mouth of the Lane leading to the three Bridges is five poles and three quarters wide; and at Caries Meadow it is three poles wide from Boutels fence; Then from the corner of the plain to a stake and stones on the upper side of the Road it being Capt Thomas Eatons & Phinehas Parker & Isaac Burnaps corner, then to another stake and

Statement of Ways etc --Continued

stones, and from thence to a heap of stones on a Rock; from thence to a stake and stones on the hill; and from thence to a stake and stones by the Widow Boutels wall, the way being three poles wide from the corner of the plain to said Wall at each bounds--

Then the way from Bare hill Brook to Nathaniel Eatons is as followeth; from a heap of stones by the Brook to Esq Nichols Wall the way is four poles wide; then from a stake and stones being the corner of said Nichols and Doct William Hayes and Phinehas Parker and Isaac Burnaps land the way is three poles and a half wide, then from the new Bridge to a stake on the west side of the Brook four poles, and to the next stake four poles, and to the next stake five poles, then to the corner of the land of Joseph Bancroft Deaceasd being four poles wide; then by stake and stones as they are now set up to Capt Parkers and to Stoneham not less than three Rods wide in any place--

The way from Capt Thomas Eatons Pasture down to Mr Underwoods is as followeth; that is two poles and three quarters wide by said Pasture running with a straight line towards a Savin tree till it comes to a stake and stones that make a line with a Walnut tree and a heap of stones and a White Oak, said heap of stones being said Eatons and Phinehas Parkers and Isaac Burnaps corner and the Oak tree being Thomas Nichols and Doct William Hays and said Parker and said Burnaps corner about five poles from said heap of stones; then to a stake and stones at the South side of the plain, and so by stakes and stones till it come to the House lately Joseph Bancroft (deceased) the way being three poles wide at the above said Walnut & Oak trees, and six poles wide at the mouth of the way leading from the Widow Goodwins to a stake, going down the hill, four poles to a great Rock; six poles wide; at the turn of the way four poles wide; down at said Bancrofts fence four poles wide; and against said Bancroft (dec) House the way is four poles wide; and the way between the land lately sold to Joseph Damon and John Parker and Benjamin Wesson and James Wesson is three poles wide as it is staked out--

The Way from Capt Thomas Eatons pasture to the Widow Felches is two poles wide; then there is a piece of land left for a convenience of getting to the water from a stake and stones on the hill; from thence to a stake and stones two poles East of Samuel Wessons Well lately made; then the Road is two poles wide till it comes to Charlestown farm, and three poles at the turn of the way, bounded with stake and stones on the Westerly side of the Road; there the Road is bounded on Charlestown farm till it comes to the Road leading to Charlestown. Then the Road before Esq Parkers is as followeth; beginning at the Easterly end of Parkers Meadow by Nathaniel Eatons it being three poles wide, then by stakes and stones to the Road leading to Stoneham being there four poles wide; then by stake and stones to the South corner of William Cowdrys (Dec) land on the North side of the Road and to Bakers Orchard so called on the

Statement of Ways etc Continued

South side of the way no place being less than four poles wide unless it be against Doct Stimsons Well where it wants about five feet. All the foregoing Ways as they are bounded out we look upon as needfull and necessary for the use of the Town, and they being established accordingly, we are of the opinion that the Town will be very well accommodated--

Ebenezer Nichols)
Kendall Parker) Committee
Ebenezer Parker)

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Exchange of Land with Nathanl Parker

Reading Oct 22nd 1741

We whose names are under written being chosen a committee to veiw some land petitioned for by Leuit Nathaniel Parker it being some of the Ministerial land on the North side of Birchen Meadow in order for an exchange for some of his own land near said Ministerial land; accordingly we have been and set out Nine acres and twenty one poles of said Ministerial land to said Parker bounded as followeth; that is Southerly on Jeremiah Swains Meadow; Easterly on land of John Woodward till it comes to a White Oak tree marked with R. and with N P. from thence Westerly and Southerly by a stake and stones till it comes to a Red Oak tree by the back side of Burchen Meadow by the bars, then bounded by said Meadow till it comes to the first mentioned bounds. And for the above said nine acres and twenty one poles we set out to the Town out of said Parkers land Eleven acres and one half, bounded Easterly on land of Josiah Hodgman and Benjamin Parker to a White Oak on a Rock marked with R. from thence Westerly to a Stake and stones, from thence Southerly to a stake by said Parkers Wall, bounded Northerly Westerly and partly Southerly on said Parkers own land and partly Southerly on a Range way, We are of the opinion that the land thus set out is on both sides, to which bargain and agreement the committee on the Towns part and the said Nathaniel Parker on his own part have enterchanably set to their hands

Witness, Thomas Burnap
Nathaniel Parker

Ebenezer Nichols)
Thomas Wiley)Committee
Raham Bancroft)

A True Re cord of the agreement between the committee on the Towns part and Lt Nathaniel Parker on his own part, taken out of the original by

Peter Emerson, Town Clerk

Sale of Land to petitioners

Reading December 7th 1741

We whose names are under written being chosen a committee to veiw and value the land petitioned for by Samuel Wesson Joseph Damon, John Parker, and Nathaniel Eaton, accordingly we have been and valued the same, and set them out their parts in the following manner "viz" in the first place we set out to Samuel Wesson seven acres and one half next to his own land Southerly partly on Charlestown farm and partly on the Road Easterly on Meadow of the late Joseph Bancroft and on Meadow of Nathaniel Eaton and partly Northerly and Easterly on land set out to the above said Damon and Parker as it is staked out, there being a Town way running through it, as it is staked out. Then we set out to Joseph Damon and John Parker next to said Wesson Sixteen acres and one hundred and twenty two poles, bounded Westerly on land set out to Samuel Wesson and on the Town Road, Northerly on the Town Road, Southerly and partly Easterly on land set out to Nathaniel Eaton, Partly Easterly and partly Southerly on Meadow set out to the above said Wesson, Then we set out to Nathaniel Eaton five acres and one hundred and forty five poles; bounded Northerly and Westerly on Damons and Parkers above said land Southerly on his own land Easterly on the Town Road; We appraised the land set out to Samuel Wesson at 63 pounds, fifteen shillings; we appraised the land set out to Joseph Damon and John Parker at one hundred one pounds twelve shillings; we appraised the land set out to Nathaniel Eaton at forty seven pounds five shillings and that each of them shall have it accordingly--

Samuel Bancroft)
Isaac Smith) Committee
Ebenezer Nichols)

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Town Way from North Precinct to Lynn Line

We the subscribers being Selectmen of Reading have laid out a two pole way from Flints Mill in the North Precinct to Lynn line "viz" from the New Bridge by the Corn Mill to a gray Oak by William Flints fence and so as the fence now goeth till we come up the hill to a small White Oak spliced, on the side of the hill by Lt Flints Orchard, and from thence to a small White Oak, and from thence to a gray Oak near to the Old Saw Mill dam, and over past the dam to a small White Oak and from thence to a great crotched gray Oak and from thence to Lynn line near to Lt Flints Wall--

Ebenezer Flint)
The above way laid out November 8th 1738) Thomas Nichols) Selectmen
Peter Emerson)

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Land Petitioned for by Jonathan Jones--

We whose names are under written being chosen a committee to veiw and value some land petitioned for by Jonathan Jones of Wilmington in the North Precinct at the North end of the pond called Martins pond, accordingly we have been and veiwed the same; there is about Eight acres upland and Meadow; we are of the opinion that the land thus petitioned for is worth Twenty four pounds Old Tenor; The land thus described is at the head of the lot next to Andover line from the North East corner of Wilmington, to the Brook at the head of Martins pond excepting what lies between the pond and Andover line against the Meadow that was Hezekiah Ballards--

Ebenezer Nichols)
Thomas Eaton)Committee

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Sale of the Common

March 5th 1743

These lines may inform whom it may concern that I being desired by the Town to measure that part of Bare hill which Capt Eaton buyeth of the said Town and the rational contents is 24 acres and 40 perch or poles, making the reasonable allowance for the Hypothenuse and altitude of the hill--

Thomas Flint

A True Record of the Surveyors return Recorded by

Peter Emerson Town Clerk

At a Town Meeting regularly assembled May 14th 1744 "voted" that in consideration of thirty two pounds Old Tenor secured to be paid to the Town Treasurer, Granted to John Eaton of this Town of Reading-- Tailor four acres of the common and undivided lands of this Town lying on the great Island commonly so called, bounded Easterly on the Town Road Northerly on land of Daniel Nichols Westerly on the Swamp lots of John Damon and Benjamin Hartshorn Southerly on land of John Pool and the Town Common, To hold to him and his heirs forever and the freeholders and Inhabitants of this Town for the time being shall warrant and forever defend the land aforesaid to him the said John Eaton his heirs and assigns against all persons whatsoever--

A True Record of the above vote--

Attest Peter Emerson Town Clerk

At a Town Meeting regularly assembled the 14th day of May 1744 "voted" That in consideration of Twenty three pounds five shillings Old Tenor-- secured to be paid to the Town Treasurer, granted to James Dix of this Town of Reading husbandman two acres and a quarter and twelve poles more or less of the common and undivided lands of this Town lying on the Little Island commonly so called; bounded Easterly on the Town Road the South East corner being a stake and stones and the North East corner a small pitch pine tree, Northerly, Wester- and Southerly on the Swamp lots; To hold to him and his heirs forever and the freeholders and inhabitants of this Town for the time being shall warrant and defend the land aforesaid to him the said James Dix his heirs and assigns against all persons whatsoever--

A True Record of the above vote

Attest Peter Emerson Town Clerk

Exchange of Land with Lt. Parker

Reading May 22nd 1744

We whose names are under written being chosen a committee to exchange the spring lane so called lying between land of Ebenezer Nichols Jr and Capt Eaton; in order to exchange with Lt Parker for land on the North side of the Road leading from said Parkers to Jonathan Parkers accordingly we have been and veiwed said land and we are of the opinion that said Nichols set out to said Nathaniel Parker twenty poles more of his land than there is in the spring lane and that Lt. Parker set out to said Road between his house and Jonathan Parkers as much as there is in the spring lane, each piece to be of equal width at each end so that Nathaniel Parker and John Temple and their heirs have liberty to keep up a dam where it is now; they not damaging the Road; and said Nichols shall have spring lane accordingly--

Raham Bancroft)
Thomas Bancroft)
John Boutel) Committee
Brown Emerson)
Kendall Parker)

Said committee have been and set the land of said Parker to the Highway, which is two poles wide at each end bounded by stakes and stones consented to by Nathaniel Parker and Ebenezer Nichols as Witness our hands--

Nathaniel Parker
Ebenezer Nichols

Ways Laid out in the North Precinct

Reading March 4th 1745

We whose names are under written being chosen a committee to lay out and exchange several ways in the North Precinct and to agree with the owners of the land for said ways, accordingly we have been and taken a veiw and Report in the following manner; the way from Flints Mill to Lynn line the being one acre and we agreed with Lt. Flint and with Mr William Flint for ten pounds Old Tenor per acre, The way by Wolf Swamp we layed out in the following manner; beginning at said Swamp and laying out a way through the land of Timothy Eatons heirs by the Highway that leads to William Sheldins at a Rock with stones on it, and from thence to a pine tree marked, and from thence to a White Oak tree marked, the way lying on the West side of said bounds, three poles wide to a stake across the way with stones about it, from thence to a White Oak tree marked, and so to another White Oak tree marked, and from thence straight out to the Town way, the way lying from said stake on the East side of said bounds three poles wide --

The way by Dix's and Levis's we layed out in the following manner, beginning at the North East corner of the Road behind Mr George Flints house to a heap of stones behind Samuel Levis Jr Barn and then to a heap of stones at the East side of said Levis's field, from thence to a blackOak tree marked, and from thence to a White Oak tree near the South East corner of Samuel Dix's land, the way lying two poles wide on the South side of said bounds, Then the way from the Saw Mill we layed out in the following manner; begining at a flat Rock on the West side of Levis's bars on the North side of said Mill and from thence running North to a Rock with a heap of stones on it, and from thence to another heap of stones on a Rock and from thence to another heap of stones on a Rock, from thence to a great Rock with stones on it, and from thence straight to the above said way, the way lying two poles wide on the West side of said bounds, and for said way the above said Levis and Dix is to have all the ten pole way at the South end of their lots that is not disposed of already, they allowing a Bridle way on said ten poles for the owners of the Meadow that lies on the North side of Ipswich River, to pass and repass as they shall have occasion to improve their Meadow--

Ebenezer Nichols)
Ebenezer Parker) Committee
Thomas Eaton)

"Voted " That the above way through Samuel Levis's and Samuel Dix's land be accepted as above set forth, on condition that there be a good stone wall made by particular persons on each side of the way from the saw Mill to the way behind Samuel Levis Jr House in one years time from the date above-- Consented to by Samuel Dix and Samuel Levis as Witness our hands..

Samuel Dix his
Samuel Levis mark X

Land Set off to Abraham & Ephraim Sheldin

Reading June 5th 1746

We the subscribers being a committee chosen and appointed at a Town Meeting held at Reading, May the 19th 1746 to set off to Abraham and Ephraim Sheldin their recompence of land out of the ten pole way according to the Town Record have accordingly set off their recompence of land as followeth "viz" beginning at the North West corner of Mr William Sheldin land in Andover line, hence running by said line forty nine poles and four tenths of a pole to a small pitch pine tree marked with stones about it, hence running about South ten Rods to a stake and heap of stones--

Jonathan Parker)
Thomas Hartshorn) Committee
Thomas Flint)

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Land petitioned for by Ebenr Hopkinson

Reading March 2nd 1747

Whereas at a Town Meeting held in Reading May 19th 1746 We the subscribers being chosen a committee to veiw some land petitioned for by Ebenezer Hopkinson and to make report at the next Town Meeting; we having been and veiwed we make report as followeth "viz" We find that there may be Twenty nine poles of land spared near the East end of said Hopkinsons Barn, bounded North East on the homestead of said Hopkinson, to point Southerly on the Road to a heap of stones at the South Easterly corner, and Westerly on the Town way; and we find there may be spared five poles of land West of the Town way near the West end of said Hopkinsons House bounded South on the land of Nathaniel Eaton, West on said Eatons land, North and East on the Town land and Town way, The Twenty nine poles of land we are of the opinion it is worth----------£-s-d
5-16-0

and the five poles to be worth--------- -------1-10-0

John Parker)
John Temple) Committee
John Walton Jr)

Recorded per me

Brown Emerson Town Clerk

Record of a Town Way

Reading August 11th 1746

The Selectmen of the Town of Reading did meet on said day at the house of Dea Thomas Hutchinson and did lay out a Road two poles wide in Reading across the land of Samuel Herrick upon condition said Herrick will give the land for said way or Road, "viz" beginning at Lynn line at the North end of said Road in Reading; and running by a Walnut Tree marked, with stones about; thence to another Walnut Tree marked, with stones about it; thence to a White Oak tree marked, with stones about it; thence to a Gray Oak tree marked, with stones about; thence to another Black Oak Tree marked, with stones about it; and thence to another Black Oak Tree marked, with stones about it; thence to Lynn line by Dea Thomas Hutchinsons meeting with Lynn Road, said Road is laid out on the East side of the above mentioned bounds

From Lynn line by Dea. Hutchinsons to Lynn line by the first mentioned bounds is near an hundred poles by measure

Thomas Flint, Edward Pratt) Select
Benja Brown, Brown Emerson) men.

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Report for a Town Way

Reading March the 2nd 1747

We whose names are under written being chosen a committee by the Town to veiw the land petitioned for a way from Lt Russels and Mr Edward Hurcoms and others, from Joseph Burnaps to the Road by the Widow Flints, and accordingly we have been and veiwed said land, and we are of the opinion that the Road should be laid out upon the line between Mr Hutchinsons (and) Joseph Burnaps land; beginning at the Road near to said Burnaps house, and to run Southerly till it comes to Mr Hurcoms and Mr Samuel Hartshorns land; on said Hartshorns and Widow Flints or James Flints land till it come to a stone Wall between said Hartshorn and Flints land, and then said Road to lay upon said Flints land by said Wall, and so to lie upon said Flints land till (it) come to the other end of said Wall, and then to turn Westerly on said Hartshorne upland near the East end of said Hartshorns house, till it come to Mr Hartshorns Road from his house to the above said Flints land, and so to run on said Widow or James Flints land near the Meadow where it may best accommodate for a Road till it comes near to said Flints barn, to the Road as it is now used between said Flints House and Barn, and from thence to the Road by Joseph Burnaps to said Hartshorns Wall, Equally upon each proprietor upon said line, and the said way to be two poles wide and thence as it is within mentioned

Ebenezer Parker)
Edward Pratt) Committee
Benj Brown)

Town Way from the Common to Stoneham

November 16th 1747

The Selectmen of Reading being informed of the necessity of a way from the Common land by Kendall Boutels to Stoneham line, said Selectmen did meet on said place and did lay out a way as followeth "viz" beginning at Stoneham line near Daniel Goulds Barn the way to go or run across John Goodwins land on the West side of his partition fence, then across the land of William Bryant Esq on the West side of the fence between said Goodwin and said Bryant then the way to go about eight Rods upon the land of Mr Thomas Nichols upon of the fence between said Nichols land and Kendall Boutels to a stake in the fence, then across said Boutels land to a stake by a Rock, thence to another stake and stones below the hill thence to another stake and stones and thence to a post or stake in the fence marked; from thence by the fence to another post marked from thence to the Common land four feet to the West of the West end of Kendall Boutels Dwelling House, said Way to lie on the West side of the first mentioned bounds and to be two poles wide. The Town to allow the proprietors of the land their damage as followeth Old Tenor, "Viz"

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To Kendall Boutel----------	40-00--00
To Lt. John Goodwin----------	30-00- 00
To William Bryant Esq----------	20-00- 00
To Thomas Nichols ----------	06-00- 00

Said Boutel or James Emerson to have liberty to set his shop on the Common near his house, if they be obliged to move it not damageing the Road--

Samuel Bancroft)
Jona Nichols) Selectmen
Benj Smith)
Brown Emerson

Staement of Town Ways Laid Out

November 16th 1747

We whose names are hereunto subscribed being chosen and appointed by the Selectmen of Reading agreeable to a law of this province in that case made and provided, to lay out a Way or Ways in Reading North Precinct, from the Way behind Mr George Flints house across Mr Samuel Lewis's and Mr Samuel Dix's land to the two pole Way so called; accordingly we met on said buisiness and layed out said Way, beginning at the corner of the fence on the North side of the Way by said Flints House, thence Easterly to a heap of stones near said Lewis's Barn, Still Eastwardly to another heap of stones in said Lewis's land near a gully - still running Eastwardly to said Dix's land, and so across said Dix's land with a straight line from the heap of stones by said gully to a White Oak Tree near the South East corner of said Dix's land where it comes to the ten pole Way; above said Way lying two poles wide on the Southwesterly side of said Bounds. Also we layed out a Way from the above said Way to Lobs pound Mill beginning at a heap of Rocks in Lewis's fence near the above said gully then running Southerly to a heap of stones on a Large Rock; from thence to another Rock with stones on it, then to a heap of stones one pole East from the middle of the North End of the Causeway, from thence to a heap of stones on the East of Lewis's bars near the above said Mill, said Way to lie Two poles wide on the Westerly side of said bounds--

Accordingly we have offered Mr Samuel Lewis two thirds of the Land at the South End of each of their lots called the ten pole Way, and Mr Samuel Dix one third of said land after the half acre is taken out for the Saw Mill, or Thirty pounds Old Tenor per acre for all the land that the Town hath of them for the Ways above said

Ebenezer Nichols)
Benjamin Brown) Committee
Edward Hurcom)
Ebenezer Parker)

The above said way is acdepted by the Town at a Town Meeting March 2 1748.

Town Way to Andover Line

We the subscribers being a committee chosen to veiw and lay out the Way that goeth from Robert Russels to Andover line, have been and veiwed and we find that, that goeth upon said Russels land one hundred and eighty eight poles, and on Edward Hurcoms land forty poles and on Joseph Holts Land Twenty six poles, and it is our opinion that (the) Way should be laid one Rod and a half Wide, and have their recompence as followeth "viz" That Lt Robert Russel should have the remainder of the ten Rod that is on the North end of his land to Andover line, and that Joseph Holt should have ninety nine poles at the North West corner of his land of the ten Rods as we have laid out to him upon consideration he hath satisfied Mr Hurcom for his part of land on which the Way goeth, and that the above said Way go where it is now used--

Samuel Bancroft)
Thos Flint) Committee

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Land sold to John Goodwin

Sept 30th 1748

We the subscribers being chosen a committee to sell a piece of land unto Lt John Goodwin by Bare hill, accordingly we have sold said piece of land to said Goodwin for Forty Shillings Old Tenor, upon condition as we have agreed, as it is bounded out beginning at a large Rock by the corner of the Wall by Bare Hill Brook, then running to Kendall Bryants Wall leaving the Way four poles wide all the way from said heap of stones to said Bryants Wall from Nichols's fence; as Witness our hands-p------

Ebenezer Nichols)
Samuel Bancroft) Committee
Ebenezer Parker)

Recorded by me--

Brown Emerson Town Clerk

Town Way Laid Out

Reading June the 10th 1745

The Selectmen did meet on said day at the House of Samuel McIntire Late of Reading Deaceased, and did lay out a Road two poles and a half Wide across a gore of land in Reading running up between Andover and Middleton on Which the said McIntires House stands -- The said Way beginning at the line of Townships between Reading and Andover and so running Eastward as the way is now used between two stones Walls and so between the dwelling house and the Barn of the said McIntire, and the way is to go where it is now used, and the said way is to be straightened and widened to two poles and a half as need requiereth and the land doth accommodate untill it comes to Middleton line of Townships the Way being in length one hundred and Thirty two poles--

George Flint)
John Parker)
Thos Hartshorn) Committee
Kendall Parker)
Peter Emerson)

From Andover line through McIntires land, information as it is measured is Seventy four poles and through other proprietors to Middleton line is fifty eight poles

Reading January 21st 1745

I the subscriber do promise to the Town of Reading a Quit Claim of all my right of the gore of land lying at the upper end of Mr Bellinghams Farm, Formerly granted to Richard Harnden, so reputed, also to excuse the Town of Reading forever hereafter from making and repairing the Way laid out by the Selectmen of Reading the last summer through the said gore of land; upon condition that the Town doth accept of said way as it is laid out by the Selectmen--- As Witness my hand--

Humphery Holt

Town Way to Wilmington Line

Reading March the 5th 1749/50

We the Subscribers being appointed a committee to lay out an open Way from Ens George Flints to Wilmington line, and to lay off to the owners of the land their recompence, out of the Ten Rods at the South end of their lots--

Accordingly we met at Ens George Flints and layed out the way, beginning at said Flints where it is now used, making the bounds of the Way now laid out, untill we come near the land of Abraham Lewis, then to turn a little north so as to fall into the way, which said Lewis hath fenced out, and from thence to Wilmington line where it is now used, the Way to be two Rods wide; and we have also offered the owners of the land that said Road is laid out across as a Reccompence for said way going over their land, the one half of the Ten Rods at the South end of their lots--

Samuel Bancroft)
John Swain) Committee
Robert Russell)

Sale of Land to Ichabod Richardson

At a Town Meeting held in Reading upon the 21st day of May A. D. 1750 Regularly Assembled-- That in consideration of the sum of Seven pounds and four pence Lawfull Money secured to be paid to the Town Treasurer of said Reading by Ichabod Richardson of Woburn Tanner--

"Voted" To sell him the said Ichabod Richardson one acre and seventy eight poles of land being in two pieces, it being the land on the East and South side of the land that was formerly Kendall Goodwins (Deceased) one piece is bounded West on the land that was formerly Kendall Goodwins, North on the Town Road, East on the land that was formerly Ebenr Belches (deceased), South on the land that Benj Wesson purchased of the Town-- The other piece is bounded Southerly on the Stoneham line, West on the land of Joseph Damon North on the land formerly Kendall Goodwins, East on the land Benjamin Wesson purchased of the Town, to a stake and stones on the East of the Brook, To hold to him the said Ichabod Richardson his heirs and assigns forever; and the freeholders and Inhabitants of said Town for the time being, shall Warrant and forever defend said land to him the said Ichabod Richardson his heirs and assigns against all persons whatsoever--

Bridle Way to Lynn Line

Reading March the 5th 1749/50

We the subscribers being appointed a committee by the Selectmen of Reading to lay out a bridle Way or drift Way over the land of Mr. John Poole and the land of Capt Timothy Poole from the Road between Mr. John Poole and the house of Mr Jonathan Poole to Lynn line, and to agree with said Pooles for the damage for the Ways going over said Land; accordingly we have proceeded in said affair as followeth "viz" We have laid out said Way beginning at the bounds and laid out said Way where it is now used or where it is now improved over said land to Lynn line; said Way to be a Bridle Way of Drift road, and to be two Rods Wide from said Pooles to Lynn line, and no more except at the Northerly end of the Causeway where said way is to be three Rods wide, for the advantage of the gravel to mend said Causeway; and we have also agreed with Mr John Poole to give him Seventy pounds in Bills of the Old Tenor or the full equal value thereof in Bills of the new Tenor or in lawfull Silver Money of New England, for the damage of said said Roads going over his land--

Thomas Eaton)
Samuel Bancroft)
Benjamin Wesson) Committee
Edward Pratt)
Joseph Damon)

May the 21st 1750

We the subscribers being appointed a committee to sell the Road or Highway on the East end and South side of the land that was Kendall Goodwins; accordingly we have agreed with Ichabod Richardson for one acre and seventy eight poles of said way for seven pounds and four pence lawfull Money, and we agreed with Benj Wesson for ninety two poles of said way for Two pounds, thirteen shillings and five pence lawfull money--

Ebenezer Nichols)
John Swain)Committee
Benj Brown)

Sale of Land to William Sheldin

Reading March the 9th 1752

Whereas at a general Town Meeting regularly assembled in Reading on the second day of March 1752 we the subscribers were chosen a committee to veiw, appraise, sell and convey the remaining part of the ten pole way so called at the head of Eatons lot so called-- Accordingly we have veiwed the remaining part of said ten pole Way and we find it most reasonable and just William Sheldin one of the petitioners for said land be the purchaser of said land-- accordingly we the subscribers being agents for said Town, upon the consideration of seven pounds five Shillings and four pence lawfull money secured to be paid unto Capt Benj Brown Town Treasurer or his successor in said office and trust, do sell, convey, and confirm unto William Sheldin of Andover in the county of Essex in his Majestys Province, Husbandman, all the remaining part of the ten pole Way above mentioned that is not hereto fore disposed of, unto the said William Sheldin to him, his heirs Executors, Administrators and assigns for a good sure and sufficient title and Inheritance forever in Witness Whereof we the subscribers as agents for the Town above said have set to our hands and seals the day and year above written--

John Temple) :Seal:
Benj Wesson) :Seal:
Thos Flint) : Seal:

Signed sealed and delivered in presence of us

Ebenezer Damon
Jacob Sawyer

Town Way Established

Reading March 5th 1753

Whereas Benj Parker and others sometime in the Month of June last made application to the Selectmen of said Reading to establish the Way from Joseph Parkers out of the Road that leads to Benj Davis's ford so called through the wood lots to Jonathan Nichols Jr we the subscribers have taken a veiw of the same said Way and bounded out the same as followeth "viz" on the south east side 1st a White Oak shrub 2nd a Walnut Tree 3rd a heap of stones on a Rock 4th a grey Oak Tree 5th a pitch pine tree this is on Joseph Parkers land, 6th a large pitch pine on the North Westerly side of the Way, 7th a small White pine on the South East side of the Way, 8th a Pitch pine on the East side of the Way, 9th a heap of stones by a Rocky knoll on the East side of the way.

Thence we shifted and made all the bounds on the North Westerly side of the way 1st a pitch pine 2nd a White Oak, 3rd a heap of stones near the Range way, this is on Capt Nichols land, 4th on land of Daniel Nichols to a White Oak, 5th to a black Oak, 6th to a pitch pine, 7th to a crotched white Oak tree to the North side of said Daniel Nichols land, thence a two Rod way by Jonathan Nichols Jr where it is now trod into Lobs pound Way--

A Bridle or Drift Way laid out

Reading March 5th 1753

Whereas Lt Thomas Flint and others prefered a petition to the Selectmen to lay out a Bridle or Drift Way from the lane that leads from the Neck Bridge so called to the Road by Dea Hutchinsins.

We the subscribers have taken a veiw, and have bound out the Road as followeth "viz" the bounds of the Drift Way that leads from Dea Thomas Hutchinsons to the lane in Sodlers Neck, that leads over the Neck Bridge so called, it begins on Salem Road on Mr Herricks land, and the bounds are on the South side of the Way which extends two Rods North, Firstly a heap of stones, thence North 58° West to a White Oak 11 poles, thence West 1° North to a great Rock 15 Rods; thence N 68° W, 21 poles to a Black Oak; thence N 48° 30" West 9 Rods to a White Oak; thence same course 10 rods to a Rock, thence N 81° W, 27 Rods to a crooked Black Oak, thence N 7° 15" W, to a White oak 21 rods, thence N 43° 30" West to a White Oak 18 rods, thence N 60° " 17 rods to a white oak, thence N 84° W 36 rods to a poplar, thence S 88 W, 10 rods to a stump, thence North 72° W, 8½ rods to a Rock, thence North 59 W 20 poles to a White Oak, thence N 50° 30" W 20 rods to a Black oak, thence North 46° W, 15 rods to a heap of stones-- thence N 64° W, 22 rods to the corner of Mr Thomas Harts Orchard, thance N 82° 30" W, 42 rods to the Back side of Mr Samuel Graves Barn, thence W 1° N, 35 rods to Lt Thomas Flints gate on the above said lane--

Laid out as a Drift Way by the Selectmen

Brown Emerson)
John Temple)
John Goodwin Jr) Selectmen
John Goodwin 3rd)
William Flint)

Town Highway Laid Out

Reading December 7th 1752

We the Subscribers being by the Selectmen of said Reading appointed a committee to lay out a Road over a corner of Mr Ebenezer Flints land to meet with Andover Road, at or near Osgoods Farm so called, and to agree with said Flint for damage done him by said Road being so laid out over the corner of his land, and to make Report of our doings therein, at the next annual Town Meeting in March, we make Report as followeth; We began at the corner of the Wall belonging to Osgoods Farm upon the east side of the Road Called Andover Road, and so extending Southerly about 10 poles to a heap of stones by the fence of Mr Ebenr Flints Farm, thence still Southerly about 15 poles, with a straight line to a Black Oak tree standing at the turn of the Way near the fence, upon the West of this line we laid out a Way three poles wide to meet Andover Road so called, said Road bounded upon the West by stakes and stones, said piece of way being about 25 rods in length, And we gave Mr Ebenezer Flint his recompence for the damage he doth sustain by turning said Road; out of the ten rod way adjoining upon the said Road East allowing him rod for rod with which reccompence he declared himself content--

Phinehas Parker)
John Goodwin)
Samuel Bancroft Jr) Committee
Samuel Hartshorn)

Sale of the Ten Pole Way in the North Parish

Reading March 1st 1753

We the subscribers being in May last past chosen a committee in the Towns behalf, to see what can be spared of the ten pole way (so called) in the North Parish, Have proceeded therein as followeth "viz" Have sold to Mr Ebenezer Flint all the ten pole way or ten rods at the North end of his lot, which left, after we had made him his reccompence for the Ways we laid over his land, and also what we set off in exchange for a corner of land which we after sold William Sheldin, we sold to him the said Flint the remaining part at the North end of his lot, it being about two acres and three quarters for forty eight pounds Old Tenor or Six pounds eight shillings Lawfull money--

2nd Sold to William Sheldin about one acre and a half of land lying adjoining to said Shelding land upon the West, Northerly upon Andover Road newly laid over a coner of Mr Ebenr Flints lot as it is there bounded by stakes and stones, Southerly running to a wedge taking in a corner of land which we procured of Mr Ebenezer Flint by exchange, this we sold to said Sheldin for Twenty five pounds Old Tenor or three pounds nine shillings and four pence Lawfull money--

3rd Sold to Mr Joseph Swallow a corner of land upon the Southerly end of his lot adjoining to said Swallows Meadow, beginning at a stake and stones near the fence by the road and so running Southerly to a White Birch marked at the Meadow, then turning Eastwardly to a stake and stones, then still Eastwardly to a heap of stones, that part of the ten rods included by this line it being about forty five poles of land we sold to said Swallow for twelve shillings Lawfull money--

4th Sold to John Flint a strip of land it being a part of the ten rods at the South end of the lot, it lying upon the South side of the road near the house of Mr William Flint, bounded Northerly upon the Town Way, Westerly to the fence of William Flint Southerly on the Meadow of said John Flint, Easterly on the corner of land, which we sold to Swallow as it is above described, said strip of land containing about forty five poles or rods of land, this we sold to said Flint for five pounds Old Tenor or thirteen shillings and four pence lawfull money-- the four peices of land above named were sold by us the committee--

Phinehas Parker)
John Goodwin)
Samuel Bancroft)Committee
Samuel Hartshorn)

The above return was laid before the Town at their annual Meeting March 5th 1753) and was accepted by the Town

Sale of the Ten Pole Way Continued

We the subscribers being a committee to sell what can be spared of the ten rod or ten pole way at each end of the lots in the North Parish we Report as followeth; We have sold to Mr Joseph Burnap the six poles against his lot for 27 pounds Old Tenor; Sold to Mr William Upton all at the North end of his lot for two pounds twelve shillings Lawfull money; Sold to Mr Joseph Holt the six poles at the North end of his lot for eight pounds lawfull money; Sold to Mr William Sawyer what can be spared of the ten poles that he hath within his fence upon the North of the Road at the South end of his lot and Also a piece upon the South of the road against his Barn as far as his Meadow bounds reserving a three pole way, Sold it for fifty pounds Old Tenor, said fifty pounds to be voted to the North Parish to purchase the acre already voted and as much more as the said fifty pounds Old Tenor will purchase for a conveniancy about the Meeting House in the North Parish and for a training feild there; sold to Mr Jacob Sawyer and Mr Ebenezer Damon Jr the ten poles at the South end of said Sawyers lot reserving a three pole way for the Towns use sold this for Twenty five pounds Old Tenor; Sold to Mr Israel Eaton a peice of land within the Meadow fence against Mr William Sawyers land for Ten pounds Old Tenor; sold to Mr Nathan Upton the ten pole against his lot at the South end first reserving a three pole way as it is now trod against his lot, also reserving the gravel hill (opposite to the road leading from the Neck) to the Towns use for mending the Town ways or highways sold this (first reserving as above) for forty pounds Old Tenor--

Reading May 21st 1753

Phinehas Parker)
John Goodwin) Committee
Samuel Bancroft Jr)
Samuel Hartshorn)

Voted to accept of this return upon the persons that bought the Land giving good security to the Town--

Deed of Land Bought of Ebenezer Flint Jr

Know all Men; That I Ebenezer Flint Jr of Reading in the County of Middlesex, and Province of the Massachusetts Bay in New England, Yeoman, For and in consideration of Eleven Shillings and sixpence to me in hand paid by the Town of Reading afore said; do by these presents sell and convey unto the said Town a small piece or strip of land lying at the North West corner of my land and on the West side of the Road to Andover being about forty poles of land, to have and to hold said piece of land unto said Town unto said Towns use benifit and behoof forever; and the said Ebenezer Flint doth hereby for himself and heirs Warrant said piece of land to the said Town of Reading against any Person or Persons lawfully claiming any right thereunto in Witness hereof the said Ebenezer Flint hath hereunto set his hand and seal this Twantieth day of April Anno Dom. 1753--

Ebenezer Flint Jr :Seal:

Signed sealed and delivered in presence of us--
John Flint
Joseph Swallow

Exchange of Highways

Reading June 1st 1752

We the subscribers being appointed by the Selectmen of the Town of Reading to be a committee to exchange the cross Highway leading from Fosters Mill across the sledge woods (so called) to the Highway by Jonathan Nichols's, to exchange and establish the same; accordingly we have veiwed the same and Report as followeth. Beginning at the Way that leads to Mr Jonathan Nichols's at a stake and stones where a former committee exchanged the Way, the Way to be four poles wide at the Way afore mentioned running Westerly five poles; and then to be but two poles wide to another stake and stones at the Old way; and then as the way is now trodden two poles wide till it comes to the stone Bridge in the Town lot or Ministerial lot; and from said Bridge as the way was formerly laid out untill the way comes to Mr Jeremiah Swains North East corner, then the Way to go North Westerly two poles wide, untill it comes to the North Easterly corner of Mr Nathaniel Parkers Wall, and then Westerly two poles from the stone Wall untill it comes to the North Westerly of said Wall; then the Way to turn Southerly and to go as the Wall stands upon the West of the Wall, and to be two poles wide untill it comes to a Walnut tree marked near said Wall, then the Way to turn Westerly two poles wide to a White Oak in Nathaniel Parkers land, and from said White Oak upon the Northerly side to run still Westerly to a Rock with stones upon it, and from thence to a stake and stones at the Bow of Nathaniel Parkers Wall near the Way that leads to hundred acres, the Way to go on the Northerly side of said bounds and to be two poles Wide. We have agreed with the proprietors to have the way that was formerly laid out in exchange for the Way that is above described the proprietors reserving the Wood--

Benj Wesson)
John Boutell) Committee
Timothy Pratt)

Reading March 19th 1753

Gift of Land to the Town

Reading Mardh 7th 1752

These lines may certify whom it may concern that I William Upton of Reading above said for the benift of the Town do freely and voluntarily give and grant to the above said Town, all that slip of land which now lyeth without my stone wall, that is to say from the Bridge near Wolf Swamp (so Called) South Easterly so far as my land goes for a Highway, and so to be used forever to the public benefit and that the stone wall as it now stands shall be the South Westerly bounds of the said way forever; in Witness hereof I set my hand and seal the day and year above mentioned--

William Upton--- :Seal:

Signed in presence of us--
Benj Wesson
Thos Flint

Division of Fence

Reading Feby 9th 1751

We the subscribers being chosen fence veiwers for Reading the current year, and application being made to us by Ebenezer Parker Jr for the division of a piece of fence that is or should be erected between the land of said Parker and land set off to the Widow Mary Parker, now in the occupation of Person Eaton it lying on the South side of the Road leading from Ebenezer Parkers to Capt Swains, we have accordingly set off to said Ebenezer Parker Jr the Southwardly end of said fence to a stake and stones standing in the Middle; and to those that occupy said thirds of the said Widows Mary Parker the Northerly end next to the Road to said stake and stones--

John Bacheller
Samuel Bancroft Jr

A Bridle Way Laid Out

Reading January 7th 1754

Whereas Robert Hayward and others of said Reading prefered a petition to the Selectmen of said Reading for a Drift or Bridle way from the Road leading from Andover to Middleton, where the way is now trod on the North west side of the stone wall by Fullers Meadow (so called) across Wilkins land (so called) where it is how trod by said wall till it comes to Joseph Putmans land till it comes to a Rock with stones upon it, so from said Rock Eastwardly a Bridle Way to the land of Jeremiah Uptons (Deceased) and so across to Robert Haywards land, and across said Hayward land as it is now trod till it comes to Ens Joseph Uptons land at the corner of said Haywards wall; then on said Joseph Uptons land by said Haywards wall till it comes to the South West corner of said Haywards Wall; thence on said Uptons land as the way is now trod till it comes to Ebenezer Uptons land about sixty five poles; and thence as the way is now trod till it comes just at the rise of the Hill behind said Ebenr Uptons house; from thence to the North end of the lane fenced out between said Ebenr Uptons land and the land of Jonathan Upton; from thance as the way is fenced till it comes to the Road at the South end of the lots. The Selectmen did meet and did lay out said Road one rod and a half wide as above described, and allowed to Robert Hayward fourteen shillings for the way going over his land, and to Ebenr Upton four pounds for the way going over his land---

Jacob Sawyer)
Jonathan Eaton) Selectmen
Brown Emerson)

This return was accepted by the Town at their annual Town Meeting in March Anno Domi 1754--

Road to Wilmington Line

Reading January 30th 1755

Whereas Capt Edward Hurcom and others prefered a petition to the Selectmen for to lay out a Road, from the Road near Jonathan Bachellers Barn to Wilmington line, to meet a Road laid out by the Selectmen of Wilmington by Mods Mill to Reading line, accordingly the Selectmen of Reading did meet and laid out a Road two rods wide, beginning at a pitch pine tree at Wilmington line, from thence to a dry pine stump; from thence to a green pitch pine tree from thence to a small White Oak tree; from thence to a large pitch pine tree; from thence to a small pitch pine tree near Eleazer Flints House two rods South of the South East corner of said Eleazer Flints House; thence to a small pitch pine tree spliced near the line between Mr George Flints land and Ebenezer Jones land, thence to the end of the Road formerly laid out behind the house of Jonathan Bacheller (Deceased) which road extendeth the west side of Nathaniel Bachellers land, The above said Road from Wilmington line was laid on the North side of the above named bounds, and across the land of Mr Thomas Flint, Mr George Flint Mr Ebenezer Jones and the Widow Dix--

Drift Way

Reading Febuary 23rd 1756

Whereas John McIntire made application to the Selectmen of Reading above said for a Drift way from his land to the Road by Josiah Haywards The Selectmen did meet on the twenty third day of Febuary. 1756, and did lay out a Drift way as followeth "viz" beginning at the said John McIntires land where the Road is now trod by a Rock on the North side of said way, thence across the lands of Josiah Putnam and Amos Putnam where the way is now trod by a great Rock on the North side of the way; then turning Southerly as the way is now trod to Nehemiah Haywards land by a grey oak marked near the line between the said Putnams land and the said Nehemiah Haywards land on the Westerly side of said way, still on said Putnams land by said Haywards line to a White oak standing in the line between said Putnams and said Haywards land, said White Oak tree is on the South Easterly side of said way, thence South Westerly of said Haywards land to another White Oak tree, thence to a heap of stones on the side of the hill, thence to another heap of stones on a knoll, thence still South Westerly cutting across the old way to a Walnut tree, thence to another Walnut tree within about two Rods of the Brook, thence to another Walnut tree about two Rods on the other side of the Brook, thence round on the brow of the hill about two Rods above the way that is now trod to another Walnut tree, thence to a Black Oak tree, thence to a bounds within two feet of the South West corner of Josiah Haywards house,

A Drift Way laid Out continued

thence turning Eastwardly to an Apple tree standing before Josiah Haywards House, thence Eastwardly to the Road where the Old gate stood, so far as the way goes on Putnams land the bounds are on the Westerly side of the way; and so far as the way goes on Haywards land the bounds are on the Easterly side of the way, and the way is laid out one Rod and a half wide-- And the Selectmen above said agreed with Nehemiah Hayward above said for four pounds for his satisfaction for the above said way--

Brown Emerson)
Jonathan Eaton)q
John Goodwin) Selectmen
William Sawyer)

This return was laid before the Town March 1st 1756 and was accepted--

Recorded by me Brown Emerson Town Clerk

Divison of fence

We the subscribers chosen and sworn into the office of fence veiwers for Reading having been applied to by Mr Eleazer Poole of Woburn to divide a line in order to set a fence between his land and land of Mr Joseph Berbean which lands are a part of the house lot that Jonathan Poole Esq of Woburn (Deceased) had in Reading, we find the said line to be about eighty seven Rods in length, and we have divided and set out th the said Berbean as his part eighteen rods at the West end, and twenty four rods at the east end of said line, and the said Poole to make all the remainder his part being the middle and being all in a piece, given under out hands the 5th day of April 1756

Benj Brown Jr)
Ebenezer Damon Jr)

A Bridle Way laid out

Reading January 7th 1754

Whereas Robert Hayward and others of said Reading prefered a petition to the Selectmen of said Reading for a Drift or Bridle way from the Road leading from Andover to Middleton, where the way is now trod on the North west side of the stone wall by Fullers Meadow (so called) across Wilkins land (so called) where it is now trod by said Wall till it comes to Joseph Putnams land, thence near said Wall as it is now trod on said Putnams land till it comes to a Rock with stones upon it, so from said Rock Eastwardly a Bridle way to the land of Jeremiah Upton (Deceased) and so across to Robert Haywards land, and so across said Haywards land as it is now trod till we come to Ensign Joseph Uptons land at the corner of said Haywards Wall, then on said Upton land by said Haywards Wall till it comes to the South West corner of said Haywards Wall; thence on said Uptons land as the way is now trod till it comes to Mr Ebenezer Uptons land about Sixty five poles; and thence as the way is now trod till it comes Just at the rise of the Hill behind said Ebenezer Uptons house, from thence to the north end of the lane fenced out between said Ebenezer Uptons land and the land of Jonathan Uptons, from thence as the said line is fenced till it comes to the road at the South end of the Lots and we allow to Robert Hayward fourteen shillings for the said Road going over his land, he maintaining Gates and bars; and we allow to Ebenezer Upton four pounds for the said Road going over his land said Upton maintaining Gates or bars said Road to be one Rod an a half wide--

Jacob Sawyer)
Jona Eaton) Selectmen
Brown Emerson)

This return accepted by the Town

A Bridle Way laid out

Reading December 1754

We the subscribers upon the desire of sundry of the Inhabitants of Reading aforesaid have laid out a Bridle Road from Ebenezer Emersons to Lt Thomas Flints Gate at the Bridle road that leads to Samuel Herricks in order to lay before the Town at their annual Meeting in March next for their acceptance. Bounded and described as follows "viz" Beginning at the road by said Emersons dwelling house with a stake and stones, thence North twelve degrees East fifty two poles to a stake & stones upon Emersons land; thence N 28° 15" E, eight poles to a stake and stones; thence 46° 20" East ten poles to a pine tree; thence N 26° E, thirty three poles to a White Oak tree marked; (thirty seven poles of the above Bridle way is upon Nathaniel Bachellers land.) thence from said White Oak tree N 47° E twenty three and a half poles to a White Oak tree at the gate at the end of the Causeway at Bare Meadow (thirty seven poles more of said way is laid upon said Emersons land,) thence N 47° 15" E, sixty eight poles across the Meadow as the Causeway is now used to a stump with stones laid upon it; thence N 12° E twenty one poles to a stake and stones; thence N 27° E, eleven poles to Leut Flints gate post; thence N 14° 20" E, seventeen poles to a Rook (with) stones laid on it; thence N 48° E, fifteen poles to the corner of the stone Wall; thence S 89° E, nineteen poles to an heap of stones; thence N 3° E, thirty two poles to the way above mentioned that leads to Samuel Herricks, the above said way is laid one rod and a half wide, and lying on the Easterly side of thd bounds above mentioned, One Hundred thirty four rods of said Way is upon Leut Flints land and fifty rods of the way is upon Dea Hutchinsons land--

"Voted" That the Town accept of the above return upon condition that the proprietors of the land give the land for said way (so long as it remains a Bridle Way and no longer) and make and maintain convenient gates on said Way--

Town Way to Wilmington line

Reading January 30th 1755

The Selectmen did meet at the house of Mr Benj Foster of said Reading and did lay out an open Way, from the Road that goes to hundred acre Meadow to Wilmington line, and is bounded as follows "viz"-- Beginning at a White Oak at or near the above said Road about twelve inches over; thence running North westerly about thirty three rods to a small pitch pine marked, here the Road is to be two rods wide, thence westerly about twenty rods to another small pitch pine marked; here the Road is three poles wide; thence still Westerly about twenty one rods to Wilmington line at a stake and stones, here the road is two rods wide, the bounds all to be on the South side of the road.

And Mr Samuel Foster and Mr Benjn Foster the proprietors of the land where said Road lyeth do agree to give the land for a Road as above said. "This return voted"

Sale of the Top of Ash Swamp

Reading March 6th 1758

We the subscribers being chosen a committee to value the Towns right in the top of Ash Swamp on that part that Mr Isaac Burnap now owns, have been and taken a veiw of said top on said Burnaps Swamp, and are of the opinion that the Towns right is worth six shillings, and that the said Burnap shall have it accordingly-- provided that he give the Town security-- .

Edward Hurcom)
John Boutell) Committee
Jona Eaton)

This return accepted by the Town at their annual Meeting in March A. D. 1758

Sale of Land to Jonathan Weston

Reading Febuary 26th 1759

We the subscribers being appointed a committee to sell a small piece of land which said Town lately sold to Mr Benjn Weston (Deceased) but have since upon the desires of the heirs of said Weston voted to take back again they giving a proper conveyance thereof to said Town, or those to whom they shall sell the same; and also to sell a two rod way from Mr Jonathan Westons Barn between Stoneham line and land of said Jonathan Weston and the heirs of Mr Samuel Weston late of Reading Deceased down to the land that was sold to Mr Benj Weston as above said. Having taken a veiw of the same have agreed with Mr Jona Weston that he should have the land or way that was sold to Mr Benj Weston and since voted to be taken back by the Town as above said, and also the Way from said Jonathan Westons Barn by Stoneham line down to the before said land, which is bounded Westerly upon land of Mr Ichabod Richardson and Southerly upon Stoneham line, at the same time reserving a liberty to the heirs of Mr Samuel Weston late of Reading (Deceased) they their heirs and assigns to pass and repass on said way and over said land for the improvement of a piece of Meadow land which said Samuel Weston Decead died seized of-- said Meadow being bounded Southerly upon said land which was sold as above to Mr Benjn Weston, this land we have agreed to sell to said Jonathan Weston (reserving a liberty for said heirs as above) for the sum of four pounds eight shillings lawfull Money--

John Goodwin)
This return accepted by the Town Jona Eaton)
Samuel Bancroft Jr)

Report on the Ministerial Lands

The Committees Report on the Ministerial Land--

We whose names are under written being appointed a committee by the Town of Reading to settle the bounds between the ministerial land and land of the proprietors adjoining thereto, have accordingly been to the Ministerial Lot on the backside of Birchen Meadow (some of the proprietors attending) and find the bounds in the following manner Beginning at an heap of stones on the Northerly side of the way one pole from the middle of the Cart path as it is now used, the line runs Southerly across said Way to a crotched White Oak marked, still Southerly from said Oak it runs straight to a White Oak at the North East corner of Leuit Nathaniel Parkers Meadow fence; thence westerly as the Walls and fence now stands till it comes to the South East corner of Jeremiah Swains Wood lot; then Northerly as the Wall now stands till it comes to a White Oak being said Swains North East corner, than the line runs Westerly by said Swains Wall till it comes to Lt Nathaniel Parkers fence; then Northerly and Westerly by said Parkers fence and Wall till it comes to a stake in a little Brook by Isaac Burnaps land; then the line runs Northerly by said Burnaps land to a stake and heap of stones at the North-west corner; then the line turns and runs Northeasterly by land of said Nathaniel Parker and Nathan Parker to a White Oak by Benj Parkers land; then the line runs Southerly by said Benj Parkers land to an heap of stones being the North East corner of Capt Eatons land, still Southerly by said Eatons land to a pitch pine marked being said Eatons Southwest corner about one pole North of the middle of the Way as it was formerly used then the line runs Easterly with a straight course towards a Black Oak marked (which was an ancient Boundary) till it comes to the way as it is now used; then one pole Northerly from the middle of the way as it is now trod till it comes to the first mentioned boundary, the way being included in the bounds above described

Ebenezer Nichols)
John Bachellor)
This return accepted John Boutell)
John Parker)

Perambulation between Reading & Middleton

We the subscribers being appointed by the Towns of Reading and Middleton, to perambulate on the line between said Towns, did meet at the corner bounds between Reading, Andover and Middleton being a stake and heap of stones, thence to a White Oak being the Notth west of Bellinghams Farm (so Called), thence to a Red Oak near Swan pond Meadow being a ranging bounds; thence to a heap of stones upon a hill being the South West corner of Bellinghams Farm; from thence to an Apple tree in an Orchard that was formerly Stephen Flints; thence to a white Oak betwixt the road and Thelps Meadow being a tree that was formerly a bound between Salem and Reading; thence to a dry white Oak stump which is a corner bounds between Reading and Middleton on the South side of Ipswich River--

Brown Emerson)		Andrew Fuller)	
John Goodwin)	Reading	John Wilkins)	Middleton
Wm Sawyer)	Committee	Archelaus Fuller)	Committee

Concerning Medford Bridge

Know all Men, By these presents that we Samuel Brooks Esq Stephen Hall Esq Zechariah Pool - Simon Tufts - Seth Blodgett and Benjamin Parker Jr Gent all of Medford in the County of Middlesex and Province of the Massachusetts Bay in New England a Committee chosen by the Town of Medford to agree with Woburn, Reading and Malden concerning the Building, repairing, and supporting of Medford great Bridge, for and in consideration of the sum of fourteen pounds lawfull money the receipt whereof we do hereby acknowledge, and therefore hereby have and by these presents forever do acquit and discharge, Ebenezer Nichols Esq John Temple Gent and Samuel Bancroft Gent in behalf of the Town of Reading in the County of Middlesex, aforesaid, they being chosen a committee to agree with the Town of Medford as aforesaid, and do therefore for and in consideration of the sum aforesaid, acquit and discharge the said Town of Reading forever from all charges that ever have or ever shall arise on account of Building and maintaining the Town of Readings part of Medford great Bridge, and in our said capacity do take upon the Town of Medford the care of supporting and Building the aforesaid Readings part of said Bridge, In Witness whereof the committee for Medford aforesaid hereunto set out hands and Seals the Twenty first day of August Anno Dom. 1760 and in the first year of the Reign of his Majesty King Geofge the third

Haven Hall :Seal:

Zachariah Pool :Seal:

Simon Tufts :Seal:

Seth Blodgett :Seal:

Benjamin Parker :Seal:

Signed, sealed and delivered in presence of us
Roger Billings
Aaron Hall

N.B. All joint contracts or accounts concerning the aforesaid Bridge between Woburn, Reading and Malden excepted--

The above said acquitance Recorded January 8th 1762
Per me
Brown Emerson, Town Clerk

Bridle Way Laid Out Conditional

Reading June 26th 1756

These may certify whom it may concern, that whereas there hath been a Bridle way laid out across my land some time past, leading from Nathan Flints towards Salem; I do agree by these presents (for the convenience of traveling and of mending) to shift a part of said way, "Viz" beginning at a White Oak stump so running to a White Oak tree standing on the side of the Hill a little to the South of the shop, so running on the North side of the Hill to the stone Bridge, so to the way as it was formerly laid out; this I consent to so long as it remains a Bridle way; but if ever it should be an open way, I shall expent satisfaction for the same. In Witness Whereof I have set to my hand the day and year above mentioned--

Jonathan Flint

In presence of us
Joseph Frie)
Thomas Flint)

Agreement with George Flint for a Road

We the subscribers being appointed a committee by the Town of Reading, to agree with George Flint and others for the Road going over their land, Have agreed with said Flint as followeth; "Viz" To build a good Wall four feet four inches high on both sides of said Road over said Flints land, when said Flint or his heirs and assigns request said wall to be build, and said Flint his heirs and assigns hereby giveth and granteth the said Road for the use of the Town and giveth full liberty to dig and draw Rocks for that purpose on his land, In Witness whereof we have hereunto set our hands this twenty second day of November one Thousand seven hundred and ninety--

Benja Upton)
David Smith) Committee
Abra Foster)

Recorded by Jonathan Pool 3rd Town Clerk

Privilege of a Watering Place to Joseph Jeffery

Know all Men; That whereas I Joseph Jeffery Jr of Reading in the County of Middlesex, am possessed of a bond for a Deed of a track of land on the South of the Road, which farm was fromerly owned by my Father Joseph Jeffery of said Reading, but now in owned by Daniel King of Danvers, in consideration of ten dollers paid me by said Joseph Jeffery, I do hereby give and grant liberty to my Father Joseph Jeffery to his heirs and assigns the privelige of a passage way of Twenty feet in width to pass and repass from the Road to the Westerly half of his barn which stands on the said Southerly side of the Road at all times, when he or they may have occasion without any hindrance or molestation, and further I agree that my said Father his heirs and assigns shall have the full and free use and privilege of a watering place from the foot of McIntires hill by the Road to the River by the land of Benja Upton, and the said Jeffery is to have the said watering place in the same direction as the fence now stands, but the said Joseph Jeffery is to support the fence against said watering place, after the said fence is built. In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this seventeenth day of June A. D 1803

Joseph Jeffery Jr :Seal:

Signed Sealed and delivered in presence of us

Ebenezer Putnam
Daniel King

Recorded December 4th 1810

Division of Fences between Samuel Damon & Thomas Eaton & Others

Reading April 3rd 1769

We the subscribers being fence veiwers for the year 1769 for the Town of Reading, at the request of Mr Samuel Damon, have been and veiwed the line between Capt Thos Eaton and said Damon on Tarbrich hill agreeble to the Referees settling the line between said Eaton and said Damon, and we have divided said fence, and said Eaton is for to have the North end and is for to make 24 poles and 18 links; and the said Damon is for to have the South end, and for to make the rest of the fence up to Mr Nathan Parkers fence--

James Bancroft
Samuel Damon

Reading November 1790

This may certify whom it may concern that we Benjamin Peters and Jacob Parker have this day mutually agreed to divide the fence between our lands, bounded as followeth, the said Parker is to rebuild the wall from the great Road Westward to a stake that stands by a post on the top of thehill; from the said stake to the South East corner of Lt Daniel Goulds land the said Peters is to rebuild and maintain the same--

Attest - Nathan Eaton
Ephraim Pratt
Joseph Bancroft

Jacob Parker
Benja Peters

Entered by Jonathan Pool 3rd Town Clerk

Know all Men by these presents that we being chosen fence veiwers for the Town of Reading, "viz" Nathaniel Wiley Jr, Ephraim Pratt & John Temple Jr; We have been dalled upon to settle the line betwixt Dea John Swain and Mayo G Patch, we have attended said service, and the boundries are as followeth "viz" beginning at a stake and stones running Easterly twenty one Rods and a half and seven feet, it being the part of Dea John Swain; also from the said stake and stones Westerly twenty one rods and a half and seven feet, it being the part of Mayo G Patch Tenant of said farm

John Swain :Seal:

Reading Sept 28th 1795

Mayo G. Patch :Seal:

Recorded by Jonathan Pool Town Clerk

Division of Fences

Reading Sept 12th 1797

A difficulty arose between Mr John Emerson and Mr Richard Nichols respecting their fences, and being called on by Mr Nichols to divide the fence that was in dispute we have attended said service, and have set the Westerly part of the fence to Mr John Emerson which is fourteen rods and five feet, the Easterly half to Mr Nichols it being through a Meadow on the Northerly part of said Nichols's Farm--

To Jona Pool Town Clerk, please to enter it on the Town Records-- From your Freinds and humble Servants--

Paul Sweetser)
Timothy Wakefield) Fence Veiwers

Reading A. D. 1773

We the subscribers mutually agree as to a division of fence, beginning at Jacob McIntires N. W. corner bounds, running Southerly to Roberts Hill (so called) to a little Oak tree near the middle of said Hill; the North part of said fence to the afore said Hill and tree is Jacob McIntires fence and his equal part of the same--

A True Copy Timothy Wakefield
Town Clerk

Jacob Upton
Jacob McIntire

Levi Nichols on the one part and Nathaniel Upton on the other part do jointly agree, that the stone wall as it now stands, be the line between said Nichols and Upton on the East of Uptons House it being the West line of said Nichols--

Attest Peter Emerson

Levi Nichols
Nathaniel Upton

Reading March 27th 1810

Division of Fences between John Goodwin & James Nichols

Reading May 28th 1800

This may certify whom it may concern, that we, "viz" Thomas Swain and Daniel Parker Jr Fence veiwers of said Town have attended on said duty in dividing Fences, and setting and erecting bounds between Thomas Sweetser Guardian for John Goodwin and James Nichols as followeth, "viz" beginning at a stake and stones on the Road leading to Stoneham running Westerly twenty five rods to a large rock, which said Sweetser is directed to maintain or any other occupier thence Westerly to a stake and stones by Nathaniel Cowdrys wall agreable to the former division which said Nichols is to make and maintain or any other occupier, the home stead beginning from the center of the barn running Westerly six rods and fourteen feet to a stake & stones; then Northerly twelve feet to a stake and stones which said Sweetser or any other occupier is to maintain, then beginning at the last mentioned bounds, running Northerly seven rods and ten feet to a stake and stones; from thence Westerly running twenty five rods to a stake and stones, which said Nichols is directed to make and maintain from the last mentioned bounds Westerly to a stake and stones by said Nichols's wall, the upper place so called another piece of fence beginning at the North Westerly corner of Nathl Cowdrys homestead a straight line running Northerly to the South West corner of John Hays land which said Nichols is to maintain the Northerly half as now divided, then said Sweetser to maintain the Southerly half or their occupiers-- In testimony hereof we have hereunto set our hands, this twenty eighth day of May one Thousand eight hundred--

Thomas Swain) Fence
Daniel Parker Jr) Veiwers

Division of Fences Continued between Benj Peters & James Wiley

Whereas a dispute has arisen between Benjamin Peters of Reading and James Wiley of said Town in the South Parish about their respective rights in a fence in the line between their lands or farms bounded as follows "viz" beginning at the South east corner at a stake and stones and running as the fence now stands North Easterly eighty four rods to a stake and stones by John Browns Wall, we the subscribers fence veiwers of the Town of Reading duly chosen and sworn having on the application of the said Benjamin Peters Jr and after having given due Notice to the said James Wiley, veiwed the premises and duly considered the matter in dispute have assigned and do hereby assign to each of the said parties his share of said fence as follows "viz" the said James Wiley shall build and keep in repair a good substantial fence from the South East corner running forty nine rods to a stake and stones in the Meadow; and the said Benjamin Peters Jr shall build and keep in repair a like fence on the other part of said line, "viz" from the late mentioned bounds to the stake and stones by John Browns Wall-- given under our hands at said Reading this 18th day of June A.D. 1801

Thomas Swain)
Daniel Temple) Fence Veiwers

Reading April 30th 1808

A division of fence between Nathaniel Wiley and James Wiley, and the said James to have the West end from the middle to the river, and the said Nathaniel to have the east end from the middle to John Browns line--

Nathaniel Wiley)
James Wiley)

Division of Fences between John Swain & David Parker

Know all Men by these presents; That we John Swain and David Parker both of Reading in the county of Middlesex and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, have this day mutually agreed on a division of fence and it is as follows,"viz" 1st beginning at the North West corner of said Swains pasture; thence running Southerly between said Swain and Parker 27 belonging to said Parker, so on the same course 27 rods which is said Swains; so on the same course 31 rods which is said Parkers; so on the same course 38 rods which is said Swains; so on the same course 7 rods thence Easterly 16 rods to said Parker; so on the same course 16 rods to said Swain; thence South 12 rods thence Westerly 7 rods to a stake and stones to said Swain; so on the same course 17 rods to the corner of the Burying yard to said Parker. And we do by these presents bind our selves our heirs, Executors, Administrators and assigns forever to the above mentioned bounds strictly forbidding any alterations unless by the free consent of both--

David Parker
John Swain

Reading May 5th 1802
Attest Thomas Swain

A True copy Attest Timothy Wakefield Town Clerk

Know all Men by these presents; That we Ephraim Pratt and John Temple Jr as fence veiwers being called upon by the Widow Judith Emerson to divide a line betwixt the said Widow Emerson and Thomas Hartshorn, have attended said service and have established the division as followeth; the Widow Emerson beginning at the Highway running about nine rods to a stake and stones for her and her heirs to support; from the said stake and stones Mr Thomas Hartshorn to have and support thirty nine rods to a cedar stake in the Swamp; from thence the said Widow to have and support about Twenty nine rods to Hartshorns Westerly corner of said Swamp.

Ephraim Pratt)
John Temple Jr) fence veiwers

Reading Sept 4th 1805

Division of Fences Continued

Know all Men by these presents; That whereas we John Temple of Reading in the County of Middlesex Yeoman; and David Flint of the Town and County aforesaid Cordwainer own land near a place called Hopkins Hill in the West Parish in Reading, We have agreed on a division of fence between us which division is as followeth, "viz" the said John Temple is to make and maintain the Eastwardly part from the Road to a stake in the Meadow, and the said David Flint is to make and maintain said fence from said stake to land of William Temple, thd east end being some the largest and we hereby agree to make and maintain said fence agreable to the above division, untill some other division shall be agreed on, to which agreement we bind ourselves our heirs and assigns, In Witness whereof we the said John Temple and David Flint have hereunto set our hands this tenth day of September in the year of our Lord Eighteen hundred and six--

Attest James Bancroft
Sarah Bancroft

John Temple
David Flint

Reading June 13th 1791

We the subscribers being a committee to perambulate the line between Woburn and Reading, have attended said service, beginning at a stake and stones at Wilmington line on said line to a stake and stones from thence on said line to a heap of stones, thence to a pitch pine stump marked W. R. from thence to a Maple tree; from thence to a Black Oak stump with a heap of stones; from thence to a Red cedar stake at Stoneham line, and renewed said bounds--

Joseph Winn)
Timothy Winn)
Woburn Committee)

Benja Brown)
Abra Foster)
Ephraim Parker Jr)
Reading Committee)

Perambulation between Lynn & Reading

We the subscribers being appointed committees to perambulate the line between the Towns of Lynn and Reading, have this day attended said service; beginning at a large pile of stones called three county mark; from thence to a heap of stones on the Westerly part of Castle hill so called; from thence to another heap of stones upon pine hill so called from thence to a large Red Oak tree with stones piled about it standing South of the Road; thence to Saugus River; from thence up said River to a White Oak stump at the cant of the River in Jonathan Tarbels field and have renewed the bounds--

Lynn January 3rd 1792

Ephraim Breed)		Benja Brown)	
Samuel Collins Jr)	Lynn	Nathaniel Wiley)	Reading
Nathan Hawks)	Committee	David Smith)	Committee

A True Copy Attest Jonathan Pool Jr Town Clerk

The foregoing Transcript of the old Records was made by order of a vote of the Town by

Wm J. Wightman Town Clerk

Perambulation between Wilmington & Reading

Wilmington September 19th 1791

We the subscribers being appointed by the Towns of Reading and Wilmington to perambulate the line between said Towns have attended said service, We began at a stake and stones said stake marked R.W.W. at the North east corner of Woburn; then running easterly to a White Oak tree marked R.W. being the South east corner of Wilmington, then Northerly to a White Oak tree on Arnals Island so called marked R.W. Still Northerly to a stake near Lt Benja Fosters House marked R.W. still Northerly to a stakes and stones on the Southerly side of the Meadow called Hundred acres; then to a stake and stones in Jenkins land; then to a White Oak marked R.W. North of Phelps House; then to a White Oak marked in Daniel Cowings land; then to a stake and stones in the Widow Taylors land; then to a stake and stones by the Road West of Eleazer Flints House; from thence to a white pine tree standing in Col Harndens land marked; from thence to a pine stump in the Swamp east of Capt Fords land; from thence to a stake and stones at the corner of Andover line near David Jones's house; and have renewed the bounds--

Joshua Harnden) Wilmington
Samuel Jaques) Committee
John Eames)

Benja Brown) Reading
Abraham Foster) Committee

A True copy out of the original

Attest Jona Pool Town Clerk

Reading Feb 24th 1856

I hereby certify that (I did make, (and have compared) the foregoing Transcript of the original Records of the Town of Reading and that the same is a true copy thereof

Attest W.J. Wightman Town Clerk

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